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INTRODUCTION.

This fifth volume of the York Civic Records contains documents from House Books XIX-XXII, and covers a period of ten years, November, 1548, to November, 1558, when Queen Mary died. In some ways these ten years represent one of the darkest decades in York History, because of the poverty and disease of the citizens and the ruinous condition of the City. This once busy town had lost its woollen trade to the West Riding, where labour was cheap and water was plentiful. York is full of unemployed. The number of the poor was added to by the dissolution of the monasteries and hospitals. In mediaeval York, in addition to St. Leonard's hospital, there were some twenty smaller hospitals which housed old or infirm people. From what I have been able to gather from various sources of information as to the number of inmates in these hospitals I have come to the conclusion that in the fifteenth and first half of the sixteenth centuries it was at least 500. This out of a total population of about 10,000. These 500 were turned out into the streets. Added to these was a large number who depended for food on what was given away at monastery gates.

The problem of what to do with beggars in York was a very pressing one. In this volume much information will be found about methods that were tried. Uniformed head beggars in each ward were given responsibility for the others. What does not appear in the House Books is revealed in the Chamberlain's accounts telling how many of these unfortunate people were flogged through the streets of the city.

The appearance of York at this time must have been dismal. A great deal of property had belonged to the chantries: this was now falling into ruin. There are reports of houses falling down in the very centre of the City, in Ousegate and on Ousebridge. The houses on Fossbridge were in such a bad condition that some of them were taken down to supply materials wherewith to repair the rest. We are told that Walmgate was almost impassable owing to great beams lying about. Grass was growing in many of the streets; pigs and cattle were wandering about. The dirt and smell must have been indescribable.

No wonder it was found impossible to pay the King's taxes. The reasons given for the inability are—the heavy expense of having to equip and pay soldiers for the wars and the " great decay of the " Cite and of the howses and dwellyngs within the same stondyng

"desolate and voyd of inhabitaunts." A pitiable picture is given of the endeavours of poor people to raise the money for the tax ;[1] "yea yt wold have pictied a mans hart to see what hardshift many "a poore man and woman made, for some were fayne to sell their "pott or their panne and other implements, some laied their "apparrell to pledge to pay with their taxe ; and of certaine howses "in the decaed paroches the collectours had nothing to distrayne "but toke of the doores and wyndowes to make up stake with."

During these ten years the city had two heavy visitations of infectious disease, Plague and Sweating Sickness. Mediaeval York was never a healthy place ; it is said to have smelt worse than any town in England. At the dissolution a proposal was put forward to convert the Augustine Friary in Lendal into a headquarters for the King's Council in the North. The proposal was turned down because of the stench from the river. It was from this river that water was drawn for household purposes, the only other source being wells sunk in contaminated soil. In 1552 is the first recorded attempt to make clean spring water available for drinking purposes but nothing came of it.[2] The people of York were a ready prey for epidemics. In January, 1549-50, plague is reported and lasted throughout the year. It was a severe attack, and measures were taken to combat it. First the little village of Layerthorpe was evacuated to accommodate plague cases, but it proved insufficient and so two large wooden "lodges" were erected on Hob Moor. Poor people infected with the plague had to be looked after and for this purpose an assessment was made in the parishes and something like a poor rate collected.

Many interesting details are given. People in quarantine had to carry white rods when they were in the street ; every infected house was marked with a red cross ; when a corpse was being carried through the streets to burial the church bells were rung as a warning. We have no parish registers in York going back to this year so we have no idea how great the mortality was. On 12 January, 1550-1, the Mayor wrote to the Earl of Shrewsbury reporting that since Christmas the plague is "much mitigated."

In less than a twelve month, in October, 1551, began a serious outbreak of sweating sickness ; to start with, mainly on the west side of the river. Watchmen were set on Ousebridge to prevent suspected persons passing over. At first, if anyone in a house was attacked, all people in it were shut in for three weeks ; later this was extended until six weeks, and during that time all the doors and windows had to be kept shut. The sweating sickness seems to have lingered on for a long while. In 1558 the two M.P.s evidently have it, for it is said "they are sore handled with the new agewe, "beyng in these parties very hot."

[1] Page 133.
[2] Page 80.

[1]In 1557 important orders were issued by the Council in the North with a view to finding work for unemployed cases. Overseers are to be appointed in each parish and in some cases materials for work are to be provided. Throughout these ten years there is a shortage of grain and much evasion of food regulations, and something like a "black market" in existence. It was not however until 1558 that city officials felt that they must give up some of their sumptuous feasts and banquets.[2] It is not stated that these were given up out of sympathy for the hungry poor, but owing to high prices and the scarcity of food. The Chamberlain's accounts show what large quantities of food and drink were consumed on these occasions.

Between 1538 and 1550 the appearance of York was greatly altered; monasteries, friaries, hospitals and about half the churches were taken down. We possess few details, but it is surprising how speedily they disappeared. From Inquests *post mortem* and from grants of land we find that by 1550 many of their sites were orchards and gardens. Many church sites were bought remarkably cheap by York Aldermen.

This volume contains a short account of the short-lived adventure of Sir Thomas Stafford in seizing Scarborough Castle[3] on 25 April, 1557. When the news reached York a spy was dispatched to Scarborough and preparations made. But it was soon over, and we have on 20 May the grim entry that it was agreed to pay 2s. 6d. "for boylyng and cariengе and settyng up the carcases of the late "traytours abowte this Cite."

A certain amount of relief to the narrative comes from Sir Martin Bowes, a native of York, who went as a lad to London to make his name and fortune and became Lord Mayor of London. He appears first in the previous volume[4], when he writes from London to beg that St. Cuthbert's Church may be spared and preserved. The Bowes house still probably remains on Peaseholme Green in St. Cuthbert's Parish. Bowes says the Church was restored by two of his grandfathers, one of whom had been Mayor of York and the other Sheriff. In this volume in 1549[5] he presents a state sword to the City, which is still on occasion carried before the Lord Mayor, and in his letter accompanying the gift he says "I have "callyd to my remembrance howe and in what sorte I was brought "upp and noryshyd in my tender days by my father and mother "dwellyng in York from the tyme of my byrth unto the aige of "xiiij yeres olde and then cam hether upp to London younge and "with small substance." In 1557[6] he writes saying he intends to

[1] Page 154.
[2] Page 177.
[3] Page 158.
[4] IV. Pages 172-3.
[5] Page 20.
[6] Page 153.

found an obit in St. Cuthbert's Church and has set aside 60£ for it "and suerlie yf my power weare better I wold a stretched more "largelie, but I have had xviij children, wherof I have alyve "at this day vij, whiche nature byndethe me to provide for them." The indenture founding the obit is a long and interesting document, with no little pomposity of wording and at the end of it the direction that after dinner and supper at the Lord Mayor's table when grace has been said the chaplain shall say "God preserve the good estate "of Sir Martine Bowes, Knight and Alderman of London."

Once again I have to express my deep gratitude to the Town Clerk (Mr. T. C. Benfield) and Mr. Cook and his staff for their invariable kindness and help.

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fo. 39b. **Various Payments. Complaints against the President of the Council in the North.**

15 November 2 Edward VI (1548). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, and 13 others.

Agreyd that a lettre shalbe sent to Maister Stannope as towchyng tolle that was dysbursed by Maister Hall, Alderman, at Lent fayer, and for all other affayers of the sayd Citie.

Item it is agreyd that the burgeses shall have payd at the goyng to the Parlyament x^{li}.

Item it is agreyd that ther shalbe no money payd for the furnytour of those solgyours takyn to go to the forte at Dunglasse, unto a further order be takyn therin.

Item it is agreyd that Sir Mighell Stanope, Knyght, shall have sent upp by Maister Holme his half yere fee dewe at Crystynmes next vj^{li} in gold.

Letter to Sir Michael Stanhope.

(*fo.* 40). To the right worshipfull Sir Mighell Stanhope, Knyght, yeve this.

After our moste hartie commendacons unto your Maistership with like thanks bothe for your good counsell and great payns that you dyd take for the common well of the Citie of York at suche tyme as we sent Miles Newton, our solicitour and offycer, unto your said Maistership, and also for your good venyson. Sir, the lait Chauntre land within the said Citie is sett to suche a high value that we can be no savers to purchace it after that rate that you wrote unto us; Sir, truthe is that the Lord President in the Northe parties dothe so charge and burden mooste parte of the inhabitaunts of the said Citie in this tyme of warre to ther great impoverishing many ways, as in settyng furth of light horsemen, takyng of laborers apprentises and journamen to be furnyshed as souldyours to lie in garrysons, whiche is muche above the nombre that the said Citie in auncyent tyme was wonte to fynd when that it was a Citie in great ryches and prosperytie, and nott onelie in takyng the said men by force of suche commyssions as he makith but wold by extreme words cause the said power inhabitaunts to pay to the capitane for every man xx^{s}, whiche they ought not to do of right or custome, and if he

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contynewe his extremyties as he haith done it wilbe the utter distruccon of the said Citie within shorte space. Moreover the said Lorde Presydent dothe take suche parte his servaunts agaynste the Mayer and Commonaltie of the said Citie that they ar nott able for to enjoy and mayntene the auncyent right of the said Citie unles a reformacon therin be shortlie hadd and provyded by the specyall means of your said Maistership, as our trustie brother Maister Holme, beyng one of our Citizens of the Parliament, the berer hereof can more playnlie declare unto your said (40b) Maistership at large, to whome it shall pleas you to gyve credence bothe therein and in all other our affares and sutes for the common well of the said Citie. Sir, after suche informacon and instruccons as the said berer shall expres unto youe of our behalf we hartelie besuche you so to consulte with the said Lorde President that we shall have no cause reasonable eftsones farther to compleane of his grace for suche injuries and wrongs as he haith commyttyd and done to the said Citie. We are desierous to have hym to be good and gracyous lord unto us, whiche we knowe and do consyder that we cannott opteigne withoute your specyall helpe. And where as Rychard Farron of London at Lent faire last past in the favour of dyverse of our Cocitizens dyd lay to your officers a pledge for tolle that they then clamyd of them to your Maistership use, uppon the sight of oure chartres and graunts it shall appere unto you that they of right ought to be tolle free. Trustyng that your Maistership woll cause the said pledges to be redelyvered and thereof wee requyer you. Sir, thus we ar bold for to put you to many paynes for the common well of the said Citie. And thus our Lorde God long contynnewe your said Maistership in worship.

Frome the Citie of Yorke this xvijth of November 1548
Yours assuryd Robert Paycoke, Mayer of the Citie of York and his brethren Aldermen of the same.

fo. 41b. **Slanderous Writings.**

5 December 2 Edward VI (1548). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 16 of the xxiv.

It is agreyd that Nyccolson son at Bowthome barre shalbe commytt to my Lorde Mayer Kydcote and to be kepte in the lowe prison unto a further order be takyn as consernyng a sclanderous bill that he confessith that he mayd and sett uppon the Mynster dore.

fo. 42b. **The Slanderous Bills.**

Letter from the Lord Protector.

7 December 2 Edward VI (1548). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 10 of the xxiv.

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Agreyd that a lettre shalbe sent to my Lorde Protectour grace as concernyng dyvers sclaunderous bills that was set upp of dowers and wyndos within the said Citie and that my Lorde Mayer shall appoynt one of the Chamberleyns to ryde upp to London with the same lettre and coppies of the said bills.

Agreyd that at suche tyme as the maceberer and swordberer ar at mayle eas[1] that Raynald Faux, son of Harry Faux, swordberer, shalbe admyttyd to warne the Aldermen of ther assemble at all tymes.

(*fo.* 42). To our loving freynds the Maiour and his Brethren of Yorke.

After our right hartie commendacons, we have receivyd your lettre of the ix^th^ of Decembre and do gyve you our right hartie thanks as well for advertisyng of suche lewd and sedicious maner ther used, whereby we doo perceive your vigilaunce and studie to the conservaton of the quyet of the realme as for the good and sure loking unto the punnyshment all suche as shall attempte any suche slaunderous and sedicious sowyng of bills, tales or for other like sorte of disquyeting the Kings majestie people. And as concernyng the said scoler who haith confessyd his lewde demeanour contrary to the proclamacon laitlie set furth agaynst suche sedicous billes setting upp or sowing of vayne rumours and tales, you shall uppon the next markett day or when you shall thynke mooste mete in mooste resorte for somuche as we perceyve dyvers bills haith beyn sithe that tyme sediciously sett furth, to the terror of other that they shall the rather be warr, sett hym uppon the pyllory for the space of one hower or two, with a paper declaryng the cause, kepyng hym in prison untill that tyme, and so dymys hym at libertie. Thus we pray you not faill and byd you right hartelie fayre well. Frome Somerset place the xvj^th^ of Decembre 1548.

Your loving freend,

E. Somersett.

fo. 44. **The Council and St. Christopher's Guild.**

18 December 2 Edward VI (1548). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Henry Mason, beyng clerk of the guylds of Saynt Crystofer and Saynt George within this Citie shall uppon the costs and chargs of the said guylds ryde upp to London as shortlie as is possible and to have up with hym lettres in the name of the said presens bothe to the Burgesys of this Citie and to Maister Recorder, to thentent to have ther advice and counsell, and other substancyall lernyd men to knowe of them surelie whether the said guylds be within the compas of the King's statuts or nay.

[1] Mayle eas; disease; sickness. French *malaise.*

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Item if the said guylds be within the compas of the said Kings Acts, then by ther advises to sewe for the preferment therof to the King's Highness and his mooste honourable Counsell for suche consyderacons as the said Henry Mason shall showe to yowe therin uppon the Citie behalf.

(*fo.* 44b). Item Maister White beyng one of the King's resavours in thes Northe parties dyd dyrecte his lettres unto John Wylson of the Citie of York, baker, the coppy whereof the said Henry Mason haith up with hym to shewe for somuche as ther is no gyld of Saynt Antony founded within the said Citie as is supposed by the said lettres.

fo. 45. 22 December 2 Edward VI (1548).

Letter from the King's Council in the North asking that twenty men, as "harquibutters" be taken out of the City and Ainsty and sent in all possible haste to the fort of Haddington.

fo. 46. **Sale of Church sites and Church yards.**

Friday, 11 January 2 Edward VI (1548-9). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Rychard Goldthrop, gent, shall have the churche ground and churche yered of Saynt Wylfryds[1] to hym and his heres for ever for the some of xl^{s} to be payd to the Common Chambre of this Citie to thuse of the Comminaltie and he to have a lawfull estate as assurance thereof as his counsell lernyd shall devyse at his owen costs and chargs. Agreyd that Myles Newton, gent, shall have the churche ground and churche yered of Peterlayn[2] litle to hym and to his heires forever for the somme of xxvj^{s} viij^{d} etc. (as above).

(*fo.* 46b). Agreyd that John Northe, Alderman, shall have the churche ground and churche yerd of Saynt Peter[3] in the Wyllos to hym and his heires for ever for the somme of xx^{s} etc. Item it is agreyd that ther shalbe takyn of the parochianours of Saynt John del Pyke[4] for ther challes whiche they shuld have delyveryd to the Common Chambre and for agrement for the same thay to pay to the Common Chambre xl^{s} immedyatlie.

(*fo.* 47.) Agreyd that Maister Bean, Alderman, shall have the churche ground and churche yerde of Saynt Gregorys[5] to hym and his heires forever for the somme of xx^{s} etc.

1 The church site and church yard of St. Wilfrid's are now occupied by the Judges' Lodgings and Assembly Rooms.

2 St. Peter the Little was on the N.E. side of Peter Lane.

3 Willow Street near Walmgate Bar was the site of this Church.

4 St. John del pyke was in Ogleforth.

5 St. Gregory's was on the East side of Barker Lane in Micklegate.

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fo. 47b. **Proposed Union of Churches.**

Saturday 12 May 2 Edward VI (1549).

The unyon of dyvers churches within the said Citie and suburbes of the same as followeth

iiij^{li} x^{s} vj^{d} ob. per annum. iiij^{li} vij^{s} vj^{d} ob.

Saynt John del pyk unytyd to Trinite in Godromgate.

Mary in Lathrop
xxiij^{s} j^{d} ob.
Saynt Elyn on the Walls } vj^{li} ix^{s} ix^{d} ob. unytyd to Saynt Cuthberts.

Saynt Andros
Saynt John in Hungate } iiij^{li} vij^{s} viij^{d} ob. unytyd to Alhallos in Peseholme

xliij^{s} vj^{d} iij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}

Saynt Peter the Lytle unyted to Alhalos of the Payment

xxx^{s} vij^{d} Lviij^{s} ij^{d} ob.

Saynt Peter in the wyllos unytyd to Saynt Margarets

Alhallos in Fysshergate
Saynt Ellyns ther } unyted to Saynt Denys[1]

xi^{s} iiij^{li}

Saynt Wylfryds unyted to Belfrays

iiij^{li}

Saynt Elyns in Stayngate unyted to Saynt Sampsons

Saynt Jyles in Jelygate unyted to Saynt Maurice

fo. 48.

xxx^{s}

Saynt Gregorys unyted to Saynt Martyns in Mykylgate

x^{li} xx^{d}

Clementhorp unyted to Bysshophill thelder

Allhallos in Northstrete and Saynt Johns at Ousebrig end to be unyte one to the other uppon viewe had by my Lorde Archebusshop of Yorke and my Lorde Mayer and his Brethren[2]

Thes beyng present to gydders at the unytyng of the Churches beforesaid

Maister Paycok, Lorde Mayor
Maister William Tankerd, Recorder
My Lorde Archebusshop of York
John North
Robert Hekkylton
Peter Robynen
John Bean
William Holme
William Watson } Aldermen

[1] Above this the figures of the income are blotted ; they appear to be Lv^{s} x^{d}

[2] The union of Parishes as proposed in this draft was not carried out ; considerable changes were made in it before it was executed in 1586.

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fo. 49. **City's business in London. The Mayor-elect.**

Friday 18 January 2 Edward VI (1548-9). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Maister Northe, Alderman, and Miles Newton, Common Clerk, shall ryde to London abowte the suts and affaires of this Citie and ether of them shall have allowyd of the day iiij^{s} for them and ther ij servaunts and all other suche money as they shall dysburs abowte the affares of the said Citie.

(*fo.* 49b). To the right honourable and ther singular good lorde the Lorde Seynt John, yeve this.

Right honourable and our singuler good Lord, this is to advertis your good lordship that one George Gaill, Alderman of the Citie of York, and under treasurer of the King's mynte ther of Saynt Maury day last past for the good wysdome, soberness and other good qualities in hym apperant—was electe and chosen to be Maier of the said Citie according to the Kings majesties graunts and he after the said eleccon consideryng the great charge and his dalie attendaunce in the said Mynte for the furtherance and settyng forth the Kings majesties affayres ther, and also consideryng the great charge that dothe apperteigne to the office of the maryaltie thynkith hymself not able to exercies the said office but utterly denyeth to resave and stand to the eleccon of the said office; wherefore we will requyer your good lordship for the avoyding of inconvenyens that may to hym and us ensew to dyrecte your lordships lettre to the said George Gaille, Alderman, to advice and encuraige hym to stand and to exercise the said office of Maryaltie. And we and everyone of hus shalbe gladd to applie his absence in the said office but at suche tyme as his presens shalbe necessary and convenyent. And thus our Lord God long contynue your lordship in honour.

Frome the Citie of York the xviijth day of January 1548.

Yours at commaundement

Robert Paycoke, Maier of York

and his brethren Aldermen of the same

fo. 50. **Important business in London.**

Tuesday 25 January 2 Edward VI (1548-9). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 9 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Maister Northe, Alderman, and Myles Newton, the Common Clerk, shalbe solycitours for this Citie and to make sute at London for all suche matters and weightie affayres of the said Citie accordyng to certen artycles of instruccons mayd to them for the same as hereafter followeth.

Item it is agreyd that the said Maister Northe and Maister Newton shall have with them to London fortie marks of the Common Chambre.

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Item it is agreyd that the occupacon of lynnen wevers of this Citie and suburbes of the sam from hensefurth shalbe contrybuteries with the wevers of this Citie and to bere ther parte of suche charge as the sayd wevers doth bere for and towards the confirmacon of ther chartour and other like charges hereafter for the common well and upholding the said occupacon of wevers.

(*fo.* 50a.)

Artycles of Instruccons for Maister North and Myles Newton. Furste artycle is that they shall delyver unto Sir Mighell Stanhope, Knyght, a letter from us and to take the advyse bothe of his maistership and also of our Burgesys concernyng the delyvere of a letter frome us to the high and mighty Prynce and the Lorde Protectours grace. (*fo.* 50b)

Item they shall delyver a letter frome us to our said Burgesys. Item bothe our sayd Burgeses and they shall make diligent suyte to the said Lorde Protectour is grace and to other of the Kings majestie mooste honourable Counsell that all the Kings grace commyssions or commandments by wryting hereafter for the settyng furth of light horsemen, sowldyours and all other furnytours within the Countie of the Citie of Yorke, may be dyrect to the Mayer of the said Citie for the tyme beyng, and to his brethern, Aldermen, for the executyng of the same, so that all the inhabitaunts of the said Citie of Yorke may be frome hensefurth equally burdyned in charge according to ther behavour[1] as haith beyn always accustomyd in tymes past but onely at the last viage to Scotland, so that the premysses at all tymes hereafter may be accompleshyd withoute any grudge or complaynt. (*fo.* 51) And this sute to be mayd not onelie for the preservacon of the auncyent liberties and usags of the said Citie but also for quyetnesse, amytie and frendshep to contynue emongs the citizens and inhabitaunts of the said City.

Item if the Lord President of these Northe parties wyl not suffer the Kings wrytt of *Certiorari fiet alias* for the removyng of certen indytements whiche was wrongfully procured by John Dawson, his Grace servaunte, before the Kings justices of peace in the Northe Rydding agaynste dyvers bochers of this Citie not to be retournyd ; that then for asmuche as the sayd inditaments concernyng the right, interest and title of the Mayour and Comminaltie of this Citie in a certain feild callyd Graunge feild[2] bothe the said Burgesys and our solicytours shall furthwith make diligent sute therein by thadvyse of substauncyall, lernyd counsell for the preservacon and contynuance of our said right, interest and tytle in the said feild and also in other felds adjoinyng to the said Citie for ever.

[1] Behavour ; according to what they are worth.

[2] Heworth Grange recalls this name and the site.

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Item to make diligent sute by the advyse of lernyd counsaill for the preservacon of the guylds of Seynt George and Seynt Crystofer in York.

Item our said Burgeses and solycytours to make diligent sute for suche a provyso as London haith concernyng the eleccon of our Shyrryffs according to our graunts.

(*fo.* 51b.) Item to make sute that apprentycs and journamen may contynue within the said Citie of Yorke and ther to serve there maisters for dyverse consideraccons.

Item to make sute to my Lorde Cheyfe Barron of the Kings eschequyer that where as the Merchaunts Adventurers of the Citie of Yorke haith alway withoute mynd of man payd the Kyngs custome at Hull for every great pece of leyd xij^{d} and every small pece of lead ij^{d}, nowe William Crokkay and Thomas Aldred, the customers there, nowe demaunds of the said merchaunts to pay ther custome by fodder taill and saith that they will compell them to wey there lead of newe agayn at Hull contrary the auncyent custome to the great damage of the said merchaunts and yf they shuld obteigne this demaund the said marchaunts shalbe compellyd to make long tarryeng there, not onely [contrary to] ther auncyent usaige, but also to the great costs and chargs of the said merchaunts and ther successoures for ever and losse of there vyage. And further and besyds the Kings custome they demaund iiij^{d} of every fowder of lead, and haith compellyd the said marchaunts at this present to fynd suerties for the accomplyshement of ther demaunds as towchyng the premysses.

Item that the Shyerryffs of York may have the determynacon of all accons commensyd in ther Courte accordyng to ther auncyent graunts nowe confurmyd by the Kings highnes etc.

(*fo.* 52) Item to remember the accon for this Citie agaynste John Good and Thomas Wylson for the wrongfull takyng of fellons goods that of right is this Citie.

fo. 53. **Letter from the Lord Protector. Weavers of wool and linen united. Letter to the Recorder.**

31 January 2 Edward VI (1548-9). *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

A lettre was delyveryd that cam frome my Lorde Protectours grace as concernyng the elleccon of Maister Galle, Mayor of this Citie.

To my loving freynds the Maier and his Brethren of the Citie of Yorke.

After our hartie commendacons; forasmuche as it is very convenyent for dyscharge of poor men that come to convert there testones to other money that those whiche be officers of the mynt shuld attend the same, understandyng that ye mynd tellecte George

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Gaill to the rome of maryaltie, the same beyng under tresourer of the mynt shall not be hable to supple bothe chargs, at myne instaunce, specyally the care for conveyng testons and depeche of the multytude beyng nowe in use, and therefore we requyre you that at the contemplacon hereof and the respecte aforesayd ye will forbere telecte hym yeur Maier, but raither chose some other that he may the better attend his other charge, wherein ye shall gratefie us. So hartelie fayre you well. Frome Westminster the xxijj of January 1548.

Your loving freynd,
E. Somersett.

(*fo.* 53b.) Item it is agreyd that ther shalbe a lettre devysed to our Burgeses and other our solycytours at London as towching the said lettre for the elleccon of the said Mayer, and that one shall ryde to London with the same lettre that cam frome my Lord Protectours grace.

Also it is agreyd that from hensefurth for dyvers consyderaccons the occupaton of wollen wevers and lynnen wevers shalbe all one occupacon and to bere equall charges in all thyngs and to have serche togydders as all one and the said lynwevers to be yerely at the eleccon cf the maister of the wevers and to be ordred like unto them in every condicon any acte or ordynaunce heretofore mayd to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

(*fo.* 54.) To the right worshipfull Maister Recorder of York, Maister North and Maister Holme, Aldermen, and Myles Newton and to every of them yeve this.

Right worshipfull, pleas it you to be advertised that this instant xxxj of January we resavyd a lettre from my Lorde Protectours grace as concernyng the eleccon of the Maier of this Citie as by the tenour hereof ye may perceive that his grace dyd understand that we were in mynd tellecte Maister Gaile to the rome of maryaltie, whiche as ye knowe is electyd alryddy according to the Kings chartre of eleccon ; which lettre we have sent to you by William Man, our officer, this berer, desieryng you to conceyve and ponder the tenour of the said chartre grauntyd for the same, and to make sute to my Lord Protectours grace that the said Master Gaile may excersies the said rome by lieutenaunte but at suche tyme as he may convenyentlie attend the same in his awen person and if that his grace wil not so doe then to make sute that wee may have his grace lettre to procede to a newe eleccon for saving of our said chartre ; and in the meantyme wee entend to exersies the same rome by a lieutenaunt by course unto suche tyme we have a directe aunswer in the same. Farther according to Maister Holmes lettre that he sent, we have sent by the said berer thre comyssons whereof two is for Maister Robert Constable, esquyer, and one for Maister Henry Stafforth as by

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the said comyssons it dothe appere. We hartely desier you to applie this matter and all other our weightie affaires as our truste is to you. We have been with Maister Vyce-Presydent as concernyng our light horsemen and we can gytt no releas therof nor no comyssion to gyt light horsemen, nor yit we knowe not who shalbe capytane nor whan they shall sett forwards. Thus fayre you well. Frome Yorke in haiste this Candylmes evyn 1548.

Yours Robert Paycoke, Maiour of York,
and his brethren Aldermen of the same.

fo. 55. **Temporary Mayor chosen for one week.**

St. Blaise Day 3 February 1548-9. *Present*—Robert Peacock, Mayor, George Gale, Mayor-elect, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

Assemblyd in the Comon Hall of the said Citie, whan and where the said Maister Paycoke dyd oppenly before the Comminaltie of the said Citie then and there assemblyd surrender and gyve upp his said office of the maryaltie according to the usaige and aunsyent custome of the said Citie, and for so muche as the said Maister Gaile, Maiour elect, and beyng subtresourer of the King's mynt in York and by reason therof beyng chargyd with the Kings highnes great affayres wold not take uppon hym to be swoorne in the said rome of maryaltie unto suche tyme the Kings pleasour were fully knowen therin;[1] therefore it is agreyd by the sayd presens that Maister Robert Hall, Alderman, shalbe and stand as lieutenaunte of the said Citie for this holl weke ensewyng and to have xx^{s} allowyd for the same, and so other to succede hym by course in like maner unto suche tyme that a directe and playn aunswere be sent frome London as concernyng the eleccon of the said Maister Gaill to be Maiour of the said Citie.

fo. 57. **Letter to be sent to M.P.'s.**

25 February 3 Edward VI (1548-9). *Present*—George Gale, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 16 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that there shalbe a lettre sent to the Burgeses and solicitours at London as towchyng the commyssion for sesement of the townshipps and parishinyars within the Citie and Aynsty towards the chargis of all our light horsemen sent forwards with Maister Robert Constable to serve the King; and that James Steyll shall ryde with the said lettre tomorro, and he to have foure marks delyverd by the Common Chambre and he to accompte therof.

[1] On fo. 56 is a record that George Gale took the oath of the office of Mayoralty in the Common Hall, on Tuesday, 18th February.

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fo. 58. **Order forbidding the Sale of Church Goods.**

To oure trusty and welbelovyd the Maiour of our Citie of Yorke, Sir William Fayrfax, Sir Robert Stapleton, Knyhts, and to all other the justics of peace within our said City and County of the same and to every of them.

By the King.

Trustie and welbelovyd wee grete you well; and where we be advertised that a greate nombre of our subjects forgytting ther boundon dewties of obedience have presumed contrary our commaundement to alyen and sell away bothe the vestments, plate, jewells and ornaments and in many places the bells and lead also of ther churches and chapells, applieng the money therof to ther own uses or to suche pryvate uses as them selfs lysted, by occacion wherof muche contencon and varyance haith and dalie doth growe and arryse in sundry places emongs our loving subjects wherefore we myndyng to have a spedie order and stay sett herin in all places of our domynyons have by thadvice and consent of our mooste dereste Uncle Edward Duke of Somersett, Governour of our person and Protectour of our realmes, domynyons and subjects, and other of our Counsell appoyntyd you all joyntlie and severally to be our comyssioniers within that our Citie of Yorke and Countie of the same for this purpose, for the better doyng wherof our pleasoure is that assemblyng yourselfs togydders in some convenyent place within the said Citie or Countie of the same and consideryng well theffects of thies our lettres ye doo evyn then owte of hand take order for your devysion unto suche severall parties and quarters of the said Citie and Countie as bothe for your owen commodities and spedy executing of the charge nowe committyd unto you shalbe thought mooste mete, and beyng so devydyd ye shall severally every nombre of you according to your allotements call before you the person or vycare if he bene resident orells the curate and churchewardens with three or foure other of the dyscreteste and mooste substancyall men of every parisshe within the circut appoyntyd unto you and making a trewe and perfite inventory of all maner of vestments, ornaments, plaite, jewells and bells belonging to every churche or chapell within your severall precyncte (*fo.* 58b.) you shall leave in every of your said parishes one inventory so mayd subscrybyd bothe with thands of the said comyssioners for that parte of the Citie and Countie and also with thands of the said persons, vycars or in there absence with the curats, churchewardens and other the honeste men in every parish as affore; and one like inventory subscribed bothe by the said commysioners etc. to leve in the kepyng of the *Custos rotulorum* of the said Citie and Countie. After the making of whiche inventory oure further pleasour is that you shall give in charge on our behalf to the said presens, churchwardens, curats and parochianours of every suche

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churche that they presume not to alyen, sell or otherwyse put away or give ther assents to any suche sayll, alyenacon or puttyng away of the said vestments, plaite, jewells, belles or other ornaments in any wyse, but to see the same substancyally kepte and preservyd as they will answere to the contrary at there uttermooste perells ; and in case aither any of them or any other of the parochianours of any suche parishe shall after knowledge of our pleasoure in this behalf attempte any saill, gyve or alienacon (*sic*) of any of the premysses that in that caise the said personnes doe geve notice therof to suche of yowe as dwell nere the said parishe, uppon compleynt or knowelege whereof by any other means our pleasoure is yowe shall taike undelayd ordre for the stay of any suche sayll or alienacon and commytt the cheif attempter thereof to prison for such tyme as ye shall thynk convenyent, and for such plate, jewells, ornaments, bells or leyd as have beyn allyenatyd contrary to our sayd commandement at any tyme within one yere before the xx^th^ of this instante, excepte the said alienacon were mayd by the common assent of the parishe, and the money thereof applied to any common (*fo.* 59) good use by the like assent. Oure pleasour is that ye shall cause the said goods, plaite, bells or the juste value thereof to be restoryd and suche as shall refuse to abyde your ordre therein to signyfie unto the Lorde Precydent or vice president and others of oure Counsaill established in thies Northe parties, whereuppon our said Counsaill shall geve suche further order as shall apperteyn ; and for your better instruccon herein ye may requyere of the Bisshopps officers a coppie of thynventories heretofore mayd of every paryshe within the said Citie and Countie. Fynally our pleasoure is that afore the making of the said inventorie ye shall make a short extracte or brigement onely of the plaite and bells of every parishe and the same getheryd togydder for the said hole Citie and Countie of the same send unto the said Lorde President or vyce-presedent and others of our Counsaill with a further declaracon of your doings in that behalf, not failyng the spedy accomplyshement hereof as ye tender our pleasoure and will aunswere to the contrary. Yeven under our signett at oure Citie of York, the xxiij day of February the third yere of our reigne.

And by his Counsell.

fo. 60. **The City of York accused of lukewarmness in providing equipment.**

Wednesday 13 March 3 Edward VI (1548-9). *Present*—George Gale, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 12 of the xxiv.

To our loving frends the Maiour and Citizens of the Citie of York.

After our hartie comendacons ye shall understand that frome tharchebusshop of Yorke, President of the Kings majesties

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Counsaill in the Northe and other of the highness Counsell there we perceve that notwithstanding the Kings majesties lettres to you directyd for the furnyshing and setting forwards of L hacquebutters within the Citie and Aynstie of York to serve the Kings majestie under the conduccon of Robert Constable, esquyer, on the borders foranempst Scotland the same could not be hadd furnyshed as the necessitie thereof was requyred, so that the said Robert (*fo.* 60b.) Constable was forced to borro for the furnysshing of the said acquebutts xxxiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} as by his bill obligatory remanyng with the said Archebusshopp may appere; and bicause ye be noted an obstacle therein, wee have thought mete for the furste parte to saye unto you that your neglycence herein is not onely a great sclaunder to the Citie but also an evill example to all others. Besyds this wee have hard that in the receipt of the Kings majestes lettres of Comyssion to you addressyd in that behalf ye waied then not, bicause ye note they passed frome the said Archebusshop and other of the Kings said Counsaill there wherein of suche matter procedyd frome you, wee think you have nott used your selfs well, ne is it to be suffryd that his highness auctorytie shuld be so lightlie waied, wherefore our advice is that ye nott onely take suche order as the said Archebusshop may have indelayd payment of the said some of xxxiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} ymmediatlie uppon the receipt hereof in sorte as may appere ye doo willinglie sett further your men in order but also that hereafter no negligence be ymputed in you concernyng the Kings majesties affaires, and so pray you see the said Robert Constable dyschargyd at the said Archebusshopps hands so as he have no further cause eftsoncs to complean in this behalf and redubbe[1] the lakks above recited for in the contrary cace we shall not have cause to be satisfied. And thus requyryng you not to faill thaccomplishement hereof as ye tender thadvauncement of the King's majesties affares and woll aunswer the contrary at your perill we bidd you faire well. Thus faire you well. Frome Somersett place the furste of February 1548.

Your loving frend,

E. Somersett.

W. Seint John. J. Warwyk. H. Arundell. Ed. Hayme.
Antony Wyngfild.

fo. 61b. **Military Matters.**

Friday, 15 March 3 Edward VI (1548-9). *Present*—George Gale, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that our Recorder and two of the Aldermen shall goo to my lord Archebusshopp and to take an order with hym

[1] redubbe; to put right, to remedy.

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as concernyng the payment of xxxiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} that he clamyth of this Citie.[1]

26 March. 3 Edward vj (1549).

(*fo.* 62). Agreyd that all those that dyd fynd any light horse within the Citie and Aynsty shall bryng a bill of partyclers of the chargs before my Lord Maiour and his Brethren, the Kings Comyssioners, uppon Owsebrige uppon Fryday next at x of the clokk before noon.

(*fo.* 62b and 63). 23 March 3 Edward vj (1549.)

Muster of inhabitants of York and Ainsty to be made in order to see how many are fit for military service. From the Kings Council in the North.

(*fo.* 63b). Letter to the Mayor and Aldermen from the Council in the North charging them to assess the Citizens for payment of the cost of the light horsemen sent under Robert Constable.

Dated 20 March 3 Edward 6.

(*fo.* 64). Friday 29 March 3 Edward vi (1549).

Present—George Gale, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that musters shalbe takyn of all the able men within the Citie uppon Thursday next at ix of the cloke before none at the Hall field[2] according to the Kings commyssion directyd for that purpose.

And thaynstie to be takyn uppon fryday next at Knaysmyer at ix of the clokk before noon.

Item it is agreyd that Maister Bello shall have for his lawfull favour and diligent paynes takyn for dyverse matters of the said Citie v^{li} in reward.

Item it is agreyd that as concernyng the commyssion for the contribuccon towards the chargs of all those partycler persons of the inhabitaunts of the Citie of York and thaynstie that were chargyd with the furnytour and settyng furth of certon light-horsemen under the conduccon of Robert Constable, esquyer, the same persons ar indyfferentlie rated and assessyd for the chargs and hole furnytour of every light horseman to the some of vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}.[3]

fo. 67b. **Post horses for the City.**

17 April 3 Edward VI (1549). *Present*—George Gale, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the Chamberleyns shall pay to James Wylkynson, gyrdler, the some of iiij^{li} immediatlie for the whiche he shall fynd of his owen chargs iiij post horses to serve for this Citie at all tymes

[1] On fo. 60 is a note in Latin that on 15 March an agreement was reached and the City was released from this debt.

[2] The field belonging to the City at Tang Hall.

[3] On folios 65-66 are contributions from York parishes towards the light horsemen.

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requysyte frome the furste day of May next unto xv days after Myghelmes next, and so doyng he shall have xl^{s} of the said iiij^{li} to his owen use and he to pay the other xl^{s} before the said xv day after Mighelmes next.[1]

(*fo.* 68). Agreyd that Nycoles Radclyf, gent, shall have to farm frome Candylmes last past the churche yerd and churche ground of lait Saynt Edmonds[2] withoute Walmegate barr of the said Citie for the terme of his lyf paying yerely to the brygmasters of Fossebrige for the tyme beyng to the use of the Maiour and Commonaltie v^{s} at the termes accustomyd.

fo. 69b. **Corpus Christi Play.**

26 April 3 Edward VI (1549). *Present*—George Gale, Mayor, and 10 others.

Agreyd that billytts shalbe delyverd to the officers for the playng of Corpus crysty play to be playd holy excepte the assumpcon of our Lady, coronacon of our Lady and dieng of our Lady as it was the last year.

Further Musters.

Letter from the King and Council in the North dated Bishopthorpe 20 April asking for ten footmen from the City and Ainsty, four to be armed with bills, four with pikes, two with bow and arrows. The letter is addressed to the Mayor, Sir William Fairfax, Sir Robert Stapleton, the Aldermen and Sheriffs appointing them Commissioners. The men are to be at Berwick-on-Tweed by May 20th.

(*fo.* 70b). Letter from the same dated York 1 May to the same, Certificates of musters in York and Ainsty show a great lack of weapons amongst those who have been ordered to equip themselves—Therefore and specyally for that we have resolvyd to levy at leyst the nombre of tenne thowsand fotemen to marche forwards undelaydlie to serve us in the Northe parties, a great parte wherof we mynde to levy in oure County of Yorke and other parts mooste nere thenemyes for the more spedie transportacon of the souldyers to the pleece and by the day by us appoyntyd (whiche apperith very nere) we woll and streightlie charge you that ye fail nott to call before you ones agayn all the inhabitaunts mete to be viewyd and so dyscretlie to proceyd to the (*fo.* 71) musters and tryall of the able men mete to serve bothe furnyshed and unfurnyshed according to the poynts of our said formar Commyssion, as the furnyshed men of that nombre whiche we thynke nowe to be greter then appereth in your last certificats

1 Sureties are taken for the performance of this service.

2 Should be St. Edwards ; the Church of St. Edward the Martyr which stood on the North side of Lawrence Street.

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may be in a redynes uppon one houres warnyng to sett forwards accordinglie, makyng your playn and perfite certificate in wryting unto the Lorde President and others of our Counsell here before the tenth day of this instant of your procedyngs to thintent that conferryng bothe the furste and the last certificats togydders wee may perceyve howe muche harnes and other furnytour of warres is provyded. And for the better remembrance of the matter to our subjects, owre pleasoure is that ye reyd unto them oppynlie bothe our last commission and this.

From the same to the same dated at York 4 May.

With regard to the ten footmen asked for we have appointed Ralph Thwing to be Captain of 100 footmen (*fo.* 71b). With him you shall inspect the ten footmen on Friday next. See that they are "well trymmed and furnyshed," gyving ordre for "provision of ther coots of suche coulour and facon as he shall declare unto you." Also have some men in reserve in case of need.

fo. 72. **A New Muster ordered. Bars to be watched.**

3 May 3 Edward VI (1549). *Present*—George Gale, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

A newe mustre to be takyn of the Citie and Aynstie by vertue of the Kings Commyssion directyd for this purpose the furste day of May.

Musters to be takyn for the Aynsty uppon Colton Moore uppon Monday next at ix of the clok before none.

And also like musters to be takyn of the said Citie the same day at Knaysmyer at ix of the clokk before none.

Item it is agreyd that the officers of the wards geve warnyng within the wards for watching of the barres and postrons of this Citie frome ix of the clokk at nyght unto iiij of the clokk in the mornyng and that able and discrete persons be at the said watch.

fo. 73. **Extra money for foot soldiers.**

11 May 3 Edward VI (1549). *Present*—George Gale, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs.

Agreyd that those vj footmen appoyntyd for this Citie to serve the Kings majestie in his warres towards Scotland shall have every man in money to putt in ther purses v^{s} over and besydes ther cote money and conduct money to be payd them at Barwyk-uppon-Tweyd by the Kings Treasurer ther.

fo. 75. **Possessions of St. Christopher's Guild.**

31 May 3 Edward VI (1549). *Present*—George Gale, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

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Agreyd that the Chamberleyns shalbe callyd furthwith before theym as consernyng what provisyon may best be maid for the payment of all suche lands and tenements etc as belongyd the laite guylds of Saynt Christofer and Saynt George within this City and in dyverse other places in the Cownty as it doyth more plainely appere in the boke of particlers therof sent downe frome Sir Mighell Stanhope, Knyght, who was purchesor and byer therof at the Kyngs majestie hands.

fo. 76. **York and Ainsty to find 6 carts for the War.**

All Hallows, Fishergate.

17 June 3 Edward VI (1549). *Present*—George Gale, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Maisters North, Holme, Watson and Newton shall ryde to my Lorde Archebusshop tomorro to knowe his grace is pleasoure as concernyng the Kings Commyssion directyd to the Shyeryffs, Thomas Vavasour and Thomas Lawson, gentylmen, for the furnytour of sex carryags of carts with horses or waynes with oxen to be levied within the Citie and Aynstie and to knowe his grace pleasour for the unytyng of churches and for Saynt John del pyke churche.

Agreyd that Maister Paycoke, Alderman, shall have the churche yerd of Alhallos[1] in Fysshergate to hym and his heires for ever for the somme of iiij marks and xx^{d} to be payd to the use of the Comon Chambre of this Citie.

fo. 76b. **Beacons to be put in order and watch kept.**

From the King and Council in the North. Dated Cawood, 17 June, to the Mayor, Sir Wm. Fairfax, Sir Robt. Stapleton, the Aldermen and Sheriffs. Order that beacons in City and Ainsty be inspected and if necessary repaired and a diligent watch to be maintained until orders are received to the contrary.

fo. 77. **St. Christopher's Guild lands, Miles Newton, Townclerk, to see Sir Michael Stanhope about them.**

22 June 3 Edward VI (1549). *Present*—George Gale, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 2 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the Chamberleyns furthwith shall repay unto my Lorde Mayour all suche somes of money which he haith disbursed to Sir Myghell Stanhope, Knyght, for the purchace of the lands and tenements belongyng to the laite guylde of Saynt Crystofer and Saynt George in York.

Agreyd that Myles Newton, the Common Clerk, shall ryde to London for the common busynes of this Citie.

[1] All Hallows, or All Saints, Fishergate, stood outside and not far from Fishergate Bar.

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(*fo.* 77b). Agreyd that Sir Mighell Stanhope, Knyght, shall have his half yere annuyte sent to hym by the said Miles Newton, whiche is dewe to hym at Mydsomer next, that is to say, vj^{li} in gold.

o. 78. **Letter to Sir Michael Stanhope.**

Right worshipfull and our singuler good maister and freynd, in oure hartieste wyse wee commend unto your good maistership and like so thank you for all suche paynes as yowe dyd laitlie take for the common well of the Citie of Yorke, hartely beseechyng you to contynue your goodness towards us and the said Citie. Sir, uppon suche agrement as Maister John Belloo, your solicitour, dyd make with us at his last beyng at York as concernyng the lait guylds of Saynt Crystofer and Saynt George wee have sent oure trustie officer, Myles Newton, the berer hereof, fully to conclude with your maistership therin according to the said agrement; and to make payment therof according to the booke af pertyclers. Thus oure Lorde God long contynue yowe in worship. 25 June, 1549.

Yours assuryd,
George Gaill, Maiour of Yorke and his brethren Aldermen of the same.

fo. 81b. **Money to be raised for the equipment of 50 footmen. The Archbishop to be asked about Churches.**

19 August 3 Edward VI (1549). *Present*—George Gale, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that a sesment shalbe mayd for the Citie and Aynsty for the payment of such sommes of money as was payd to Maister Robert Constable for the furnytour of L footemen for the Citie and Aynsty whiche somme amountyth to xxxiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}. And also the somme of xv^{li} payd to Maister Stafforth for the fornytour of xx fotemen.

Item it is agreyd that Maister Watson and Maister Paycok shall ryde to Cawod to my Lorde Archebusshop uppon Monday next to knowe his gracs pleasoure in dyvers matters according to there remembraunes mayd for the same; viz

(*fo.* 82). Furst to knowe who shalbe his gracs deputy for unytyng of churches.

Item to desier that Saynt Ellyn churche maybe unyted to Saynt Martyns in Connyngstrete or ells to Belfrays bycause they be bothe in one ward.

Item to make his grace prevey to our procedings of levieng of suche sommes of money as was payd to Maister Robert Constable and Maister Staffurth for the furnytour of LXX footmen for the Citie and Aynsty.

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Item to knowe his gracs pleasour as concernyng Pykechurche[1] and that he shall have the same at suche pries as he and they can agree.

Item to showe unto his grace the confession of John Skowthrop.

fo, 82b. **Hull claim disallowed.**

Friday 23 August 8 Edward VI (1549). *Present*—George Gale, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Maister Robynson sent in the exemplycacon under the Kings brode seall for dysanullyng of the letter pattents for Hull whereby they clame to have goods foren bought forensold whiche is left in the Chambre of Ousebrige in the greate chiste within the Counsell Chambre.

fo. 83b. **A letter of Attorney to be sealed by the City.**

10 September 3 Edward VI (1549). *Present*—George Gale, Mayor, and 9 others.

Agreyd that the letter of attourney for Maister Hall, Alderman, as touchyng the . . . . . and cognysacence of plee in assise of novell disseisin sewyd against hym and one Thomas Mayson by Bryan Lewty shalbe sealyd with the common seall of this City for the preservacon of the libertyes of this City ; and all other franchisyd men of the City in such casys at all tymes hereafter to have like fredome and writyng for the contynuance of the libertyes of the said City.

fo. 84. **York and Ainsty asked to provide 10 seamen.**

From the King and Council in the North to the Mayor, Aldermen and Justices of the peace in the City of York, dated York, 18 November. Ships at Newcastle are short of mariners, they are to provide ten marriners from York and Ainsty and they are to be at Newcastle by next Friday. 2s. 6d. is sent for each of them in part of pay.[2]

fo. 84b. **Letter from Sir Martin Bowes, presenting a sword to the City.**

To the right honourable and my singuler goode lorde the Lorde Maiour of the Citye of Yorke and to his right worshipfull brethren, the Aldermen of the same be this geven.

[1] Church of St. John del pike in Ogleforth. The addition of del pike to the name of this Church is to distinguish it from other St. John Churches in York. Del pike means either "of the gateway"; an entrance into the Minster Close was nearby ; or "of the steeple"; the former explanation is the more probable.

[2] On 19th November the Mayor writes to the Earl of Rutland at Newcastle to say that he cannot send the ten mariners as there are none in the City and Ainsty.

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Right honourable and my singuler good Lord Maiour of that the Kings Majesties Citie of York my dewtie furste remembryd unto your good lordship with the reist of your brethren the Aldermen and the worshipfull Commoners of the same; it may pleas you to be advertised that I have callyd to my remembrance howe and in what sorte I was brought upp and noryshyd in my tender days by my father and mother dwellyng in York from the tyme of my byrth unto the aige of xiiij yeres olde and then cam hether upp to London younge and with small substance and so have contynued here thies xxxviij yeres ever sence always beryng my power good wyll unto that honourable Citie bothe with harte and good worde as my boundon duetie is to doe; yet further I have thou[ht] good to my small power to send unto that Citie some pratty token for a remembrance of my power good will which I doe at this present tyme send unto you whiche is a fayre sworde with a sheathe of crymeson velvet garnyshyd with perle and stone sett uppon sylver and gylte; the which sword with the appertenaunes therto belongyng I frely do gyve with my hartie goodwill unto the Lorde Maiour and his Brethren and the hole Commonaltie of that honourable Citie to be occupied before the Lorde Maiour to the honour of the Kings majestie and of the Citie for ever, desyeryng your good lordshype and maisterships to accepte my poore good will, wysshyng it were as good a gyfte as ever was gyven to any Citie. And thus I rest your and the hole Cities with my harte and poore good wyll duryng my naturall lyfe as knowith our Lorde who preserve your lordship and maistershipps with the reist of the hole Comminaltie long to contynue to his pleassur. Wryttyn at London the xxth day of Septembre 1549.

By the hand of yours to commaund,

Martin Bowes,[1] Knyght.

fo. 86. **Money to be raised for Military purposes.**

21 September 3 Edward VI (1549). *Present*—George Gale, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that there shalbe furthwith bylls mayd to every parishe within this City and suburbes to levy and gether the parcells of the sommes of money specifyed and conteignyd within the same bylls for the setting furth of . . . cartes and other affayrez the Kyngs majesties affayres towards Scotland, and the Kyngs constables and churchwardens of every parishe within the said Citie and suburbes to mayke levy of the said money.

1 For an account of this sword see an article by Robert Davies in the report of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society for 1868 and *Corporation Plate, etc., of the Cities and Corporate Towns of England and Wales*, ii, p. 445.

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fo. 86b. **Meeting to elect Sheriffs. Qualifications necessary for being elected.**

Saturday St. Matthews day, 21 September, 3 Edward VI (1549). *Present*—George Gale, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

Assemblyd in the Counsell Chambre within the Gildhall for the eleccon of the Shyryffs of this Citie accordyng to the Kings chartour and lettres patents therof mayd by the Kings majestie mooste noble progenytours and confirmyd by his highnes for the eleccon of the Maiaer, Aldermen and Shyrryffs of this Citie, when and where for dyverse specyall consideracons movyng as well the said presens as the Common Counsaill of this Citie of Yorke and also the eldest serchours, wardens of those mysteryes and occupacons that by force of the said chartour haith there voyces in the eleccon of the Mayers, Aldermen and Shyrryffs when and where by good deliberacon (*fo.* 87) and advisament it was fully condiscendyd, concluded and agreyd as well by the said presence as by the forsaid Comon Counsaill and eldeste sersours and wardens before namyd—that no Citizen of the said Citie from nowfurthe shalbe eligeble nor elect to be Sheryff of this Citie before and unto suche tyme that hee or thay have beyne and excersysed the office of Brygmaister and Chamberleyn of the said Citie, or ells for the sparyng or refusyng of those twoo offyces at any tyme hereafter to compownd and agree therefore for a certon somme of money to be payd to the Common Chambre of the said Citie before any of the sayd Citizens shalbe therunto elect Shyrryf, as the Lord Maiour of the said Citie and his brethren, Aldermen, for the tyme beyng shall agree for a common well of the said Citie; and this acte and ordynaunce to contynue and endure for ever for unytie, concorde and quyetnesse to be hadd within the said City, any acte or ordynaunce heretofore mayd to the contrary in anythyng not-with-standyng.

At which day and place the the said presens and other above rehersed according to the Kings chartre abovesaid dyd electe and chuse James Harryngton, merchaunt, and George Hutchonson, baker, Shyrryffs of the said Citie who was there sworne trewlie to excersies that office frome the feste of Saynt Mighell tharcaungell next to come for one hole yere then next ensewyng[1].

fo. 87b. **Bounds not to be ridden. Enquiry about enclosures. Dunghills.**

Friday 11 October 3 Edward VI (1549). *Present*—George Gale, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

[1] Election of Sheriffs. See *York Memorandum Book*, i., x., as to who was eligible for the office before the above order was made.

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Agreyd that the rydying of the bownds of this Citie for dyvers consyderacons shalbe sparyd and not ryddyn this yere.

And forther every officer shall immediatlie go abowte the wards and se if that any inclosers be mayd that ought to lie oppen and they to cast oppen suche enclosers oneles that they that maks any inclosers come and agree with my Lorde Maier and Chamberleyns for the same.

Item that all those that haith any leasys of any donghills abowte this Citie shalbe callyd before my Lorde Maiour and his Brethren that ther lets may be seen, and also those whiche holdith Saynt George close and the sand bedds to bryng in ther lets.

fo. 86b. **Annuity for retiring Alderman. Reforms asked for by the Commonalty.**

Monday 31 October 3 Edward VI (1549). *Present*—George Gale, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 12 of the xxiv.

In the Counsell Chambre within the Guylde Hall of this Citie it was agreyd by the said presens and also by the Common Counsell of the said Citie beyng assemblyd in the said Guyld Hall that Maister Robert Elwold, one of the Aldermen, for dyverse consyderacons them movyng, and especyally for that the said Maister Elwold before the said presens dyd frely surrender and give upp his rome of aldermanship, shal have payd of the Common Chambre of this Citie at Crystynmas next for this yere one annuytie of four pound, and yerely after the said annuytie of iiij^{li} to be payd at the feasts of the Nativitie of Saynt John Baptiste and the feast of Saynt Thomas Appostle before Crystnmes by evyn porcons duryng his naturall lyfe and to have it under the common seall.

Also the said Common Counsall in the name and for the Comminaltie of the said Citie dyd put a bill of certen artycles to my Lorde Maiour and the said presens for the reformacon of dyvers wrongs whiche ar used agaynst the common welth of the said Citie as followith.

(*fo.* 89). THE ARTYCLES.

Furste we desier to have reformacon for kylnes within this Citie which is to the great undoyng of all the power people of the same Citie and the Comminaltie of the same for dystruccon of wodd.

Item that no man by any more wodd then he occupies (withoute any kylnes) oneles he bryng it to the staith and there my Lorde Mayer to sett the price of it, and it not to be takyn upp to ther own howses and sold agane for advauntage[1].

[1] Advauntage; gain, profit.

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Item we desyer that the fyne may be levied of thame that has takyn downe howses[1] sence the acte was mayd for the same and dothe daly, which is to the great harme and defasyng of this Citie.

Item that no man by any more corne then he dothe occupie within his owen howse, and not to sell agayne in corne, but to be occupied within his owen howse for his owen store.

Item a reformacon to be hadd for gryssyng[2] aboute this Citie that men may have ther cattell well jeyst for ther money according to your a[n]ceyent ordynaunce mayd therfore and also for overlayng of the common with shepe and other cattell.

(*fo.* 89b). Item to have a reformacon for swyne which is bothe within this Citie and withoute in the suburbs whiche is very dangerus for sekenes and also for other noysaunce goyng abrode.

Item that ther be no newe inclosers mayd nor hadd abowte this Citie from Mighelmes to the Lady day, but that the Commons may have ther common and averyse[3] in the same frome Mighelmes to the Lady day in Lent as they have hadd hertofore and oght ofright to have.

Item that no tarre pykks[4] nor wodd lie withoute mens howses in the strete of the nyght, tymbre for beylding onely excepte.

fo. 90. **Malt kilns forbidden. Scarcity of timber.**

11 November 3 Edward VI (1549). *Present*—George Gale, Mayor; William Tancred, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 9 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that ther shalbe no malte kylnes occupyed nor excersysed within this Citie nor suburbes from the feast of the Nativitie of Saynt John Baptyst next comyng duryng the space of two hole yeres next after.

Item it is further agreyd for reformacon of wodd ther shalbe a letter devysed and sent to the Burgesys at the Parlyament for this Citie ; and that two honest and substaunceyall men shalbe appoyntyd to survay the spryings[5] nygh abowte this Citie within the space of viij myles to thentent to se wherin they ar mysused or cutt doune contrary the tenour of the acte and statute therefore mayd.

fo. 90b. **Billeting of soldiers.**

4 November 3 Edward VI (1549). *Present*—George Gale, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

1 See *York Civic Records*, vol. III, p. 139.
2 Gryssyng; grazing.
3 Averyse. See *York Civic Records*, vol. III, p. 169.
4 Tarre pykks; heaps of cold tar.
5 Sprynges. Springs are young trees, saplings. The Act referred to is "An act for the preservacon of woods," *Statutes of the Realm*, 35 Hen. viii c.17.

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Agreyd that the wardens of every ward shall take paynes to go abowte ther wards and to see what howses ar over chargyd wyth thyes warryers and to take and assigne them to others as they shall thynk good by ther dyscressyons.

fo. 91. **A thousand High German soldiers in York.**

Arrangements for them.

4 November 3 Edward VI (1549).

The artycles and ordynaunce mayde by my Lorde Maiour and his Brethren with the assent of Maister William Hudson, esquyer, Capytane and having the conduccon of one thousand hye Almayns, Lannce Knyghts and warryers at this present in the Kings majestie affayres, who enteryd into this Citie of Yorke the thyrde day of Novembre.

For the ordynaunce and for ther vyttells for man and horse. Furste that everyone of the said persons to pay for every meale iij^{d}. Item for every gallon of beare or ale before meales or after meales iiij^{d}.

Item for fewell to have ij kydds for i^{d}. Item to pay for hay and lytter for one day and one nyght for every horse, ij^{d} ob. and they to by the provand themselfs.

And that everyone of the said persons to goo to ther beds and rest at ix of the clok at nyght.

fo. 91b. **M.P.'s asked to help in the matter of scarcity of wood.**

To the right worshipfull Maister Gargrave and Maister Holm, Burgesys of the Parlyament for this Citie of Yorke yeve this.

After our hartye commendacons unto you; where of the behalf of the Commons of the Citie of York there is a byll of artycles, as they perceyve themselfs to be grevyd in, exhibityd to me and my Bredren, emong whiche is the skarcytie of wodd or fewell, whereby the inhabitaunts of the said Citie shuld be relevyd for remedy therof as you knowe ther was one Acte of Parlyament laitlie mayd for the preservacon of spryng wodd, the said Acte notwithstandyng there are dyverse sprynges beyng the inherytaunce of the Kings majestie and of dyverse other persons within eight myles compas of the said Citie whiche in tymes past haith beyn great releyf to the said Citie whiche ar nowe utterly dystroyd for lakk of sufficient . . . according to the said statute, for remedy and reformacon wherof we desyer you by your good wysdomes and pollyces at this your beyng at London to se reformacon of the premysses that the said Citie may be relevyd with wodd as it haith been

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in tymes past. Requieryng you to opteigne the Kings commyssion in whose defalte that the sprygs within the said compas ar dystroyd.

And thus hartely fayer you well,

Frome York the xijth of November 1549,

George Gaill, Maiour of Yorke and his brethren, Aldermen of the same.

fo. 93. **The Earl of Shrewsbury coming to York.**

11 December 3 Edward VI (1549). *Present*—George Gale, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that ther shalbe an honourable present preparyd to be gevyn to the right honourable Erle of Shrewysbury at his commyng to this Citie, and that the wardens of every warde shall call the constables of every parisshe before them and they to take suche order that the streets shalbe mayd clene frome any cloggs, dunghills or any other fylthe to be suffryd in any streyts, and that all swyne styes within this Citie shalbe furthwith pullyd downe and no swyne to be kepte within this said Citie uppon payne to forfeit for every swyne and swyne stye vj^{s} viij^{d}.

Also that the comon officers shall geve warnyng to all the comon brewers to brewe seasonable ale agaynste commyng of the said Erle of Shrewysbury.

fo. 93b. **Corn hoarding.**

To our trustie and welbelovyd the Lorde Mayour and Shyrryffs of our Citie of Yorke and to every of them.

By the King.

Trustye and welbeloved we grete you well. And beyng enformed that divers farmours having store of wheat and other grayne do not only uppon an insacyable gredynes agaynst all charitie forbere to bryng anny of the same to the marketts for the sustentacon of our people but also do buye them selfs and engrose to thentent they may herafter mayke suche unreasonable pryses therof as them selfes lystethe, which if it shulde be sufferyd muste neydes breade greate darthe and be the distruccon of a great nombre of our good and loving subjectts; we therfore earnestly mynding to provide for thys great inconveniens and to punneyshe suche uncharitable and coveitous persons as by there regrating and gatheryng of corne into their hands care not so they may have unreasonable gaynes thoughe theyre neighbours perishe and dye by them for lack of convenyent sustenaunce have thought mete uppon a full confidence of your approvide wisdomes, discretions and indifferencys as to require your selfs furst to thentent

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ye may therby understand our pleasor herin ye shall take suche order and direccon in the same as that ye faile not to see the instruccons and articles whiche we send you herin closede to be in all things not only with all spede and diligence put in use and execucon but also well and truly to be observede, obeyede and kepte as ye tendre our pleasor and the accomplisshing of your duty in this behaulf accordingly. Given under oure signet at our Citie of Yorke.

the xixth of December 1549.

And by his Counsaile.

(*fo.* 94). Artycles to be kepte and observyd in the Citie of Yorke and Countie of the same.

Furste that all Justices of peace shall foresee that no personne shall regrate and forstall any kinde of grane, nor by, obteigne or gytt any of the same into his hands, having sufficient of his owen for his household and familie.

Item the same Justices shall gyve charge to all Maiours, Bailyfs, Constables and other officers of the cities, bowroughes and townes that they shall see for the due execucon of the same and if any shall offend in any the premysses then they shall mayke relacon ther to the Justices of peace next adjonyng and the same Justices to cause offenders therin to be apprehendyd and commyttyd to ward and theruppon to signifie ther demeanour in that behalf to the Lorde President and Counsall in the North.

Item that no person nor persones shall by any unlawfull means, crafte or polisie attempte or goo abowt to enhanse the prise of any grane or corne.

Provyded alwase that every person havyng sufficient grane for ther families and seyd may by for the exchaunge of ther seyd and sustentacon of ther families so muche of grane as shall serve for ther seyd and neydfull expencs in ther howses beyng done withoute frawde or so that they bryng any kynd of there owen grane so much to the markett as they shall by in the same markett for the purpose afforesayd.

Provided also that all suche persons as commonly be callyd badgers[1] shalnot be molestyd for the byeng of corne and grayne in one place, countrey or markett and to convey, carrie and selle the same agayne in any other place countrey or markett so they do not anythyng in frawd.

Finallie that the Justices of peace and all other personnes shall execute, observe and obay theffecte of the premysses as they tendre ther obedience and dewtie towards the Kings majestie and will avoyd the daunger and perill that may ensew towards them for the not accomplyshement hereof accordynglie.

[1] Badgers; middlemen.

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fo. 95b. **St. Helens on the Walls.**

2nd January 3 Edward VI (1549-50). *Present*—George Gale, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that my Lord Maier and his Brethern shall have (*fo.* 96) the churche[1] of Seynt Ellyns on the Walls, churcheyerd and personage therof for x^s^ (*fo.* 96b). Item it is agreyd that Maister North and Maister Watson shall go the lord Archebishop of York with the letter that Maister Holme laitely sent to my seid Lord Maier frome London as towchyng Seynt Ellyn churche in Stanegayt.

fo. 97b. **York Sheriffs and annual payment to St. Stephens Chapel, Westminster.**

Posthorses. Reward to the Town Clerk. Payment for carts.

10 January 3 Edward VI (1549-50). *Present*—George Gayle, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 9 of the xxiv.

It was fully agreyd that Maister Standevyn, Maister Symson, Maister Bacheler and Maister Goodyere laite Shiryffs of this City shall truely content and pay at the feyst of Easter next commen to the Common Chambre of this City suche summes of money as that they by vertue of theire layte offyce of the Shirifshyp shuld have paid to the Kyng our sovereigne lord for the yerely annuyte of xxx^li^ that the layte Deane and Chanons of the dissolvyd chappell of Seynt Stephyns at Westmynster had of this City of York for a parcell of the fee farme of the same City ; whiche yerely annuyte of xxx^li^ was laitely releasyd to the Corporacon of this City by the Kings Act of Parlyament duryng the space of thos three yerez that the Kyngs majestie releyf is payd in. And the parte of the said Maister Standevyn and Maister Symson for one half yere is xv^li^ ; and the parte of the said Maister Bacheler and Maister Goodyere is xxx^li^ for one hole yere to be paid unto the sayd Corporacon at the seyd feyst of Eyster. And appon payment therof the seyd corporacon to warraunt and defend the said fowre layte Shiryffs ageynst all men for ever.

(*fo.* 98). Item it is agreyd that Rychard Goolethorp, gentylman, and one of the Chamberleyns of this City shall go to-morow unto Bishopthorp to know the lord Archebishop is grace pleasour what somme of money that his grace wylbe content to gyf to the Common Chambre of this City for the churche and churcheyerd of Saynt John the pyke and also for the personage or vikerage of the same to be had to his grace, his heyres by writyng under the common seyll of this City.

[1] The Church on the Walls stood in Aldwark ; it was sometimes called St. Helens in the Werkdyke, i.e. the ditch of the fortification. It stood on ground now occupied by the brewery of Messrs. Hunt. The site given for it on Scaife's Plan of Medieval York is mistaken.

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Item it ys agreyd that the xl^{d} whiche Jamys Wilkynson of the Shiryffs serjaunts at Mace shuld have repaid to the seid Common Chambre at the feyst of Saynt Mighell tharchangell last past shalbe clerely remyttyd and forgevyn hym in consideracon of suche losse and dammage as that he susteyned this yere in finedyng of iiij post horses to avoyd the takyng of fraunchest mens horsys for ridyng of post abowte the Kyngs affayres and also in consideracon of his paynes and diligent servyce to this City this instaunt yere at dyverse tymes.

Item the sayd presens by one assent hathe gevyn and grauntyd to Myles Newton, Common Clerk of this City, xl^{s} in reward for his paynes and diligent servyce that he dyd for the common well of this City in gittyng and opteinyng of the Kyngs majestie at London his grace is lettres patents under the greyt seell of England to have unto the said Corporacon and to theire successours for ever all the lands and tenements, closez, medowes, pasturez, commons of pasture, free rents and all other heredytaments with theire appertenaunes whiche dyd belonge to the layte dissolvyd guylds of Saynt Cristofer and Saynt George in York and also in dyverse placs in the cuntree.

(*fo.* 98b). Agreyd that all those persons that heretofore hathe bought of the sayd Lord Maier and his Brethren any churche grownds or churche yerds and haithe fully paid therfore unto the said Common Chambre they shall have therfore for the assuraunce of theym and theire heires sufficyent writyng mayd under the common seell of the sayd City.

Agreyd that Maister Bacheler, Maister Goodyere, laite Shiryffs of this City, and also Thomas Lawson and Thomas Vavasour, gentylmen, beynge the Kynges commissyoners this yere within the said City and wapentake of the Aynsty for the furnitour and settyng furth of sex cariags to (*fo.* 99) Scotland abowte the Kyngs highnes affayres shall bryng in theire bylls furthwith to the Chamberleyns of this City of the hole chargs therof and they to be payd with the money that shall be gevyn for the churche of Saynt Ellyns in Stanegayte and also for the churche of Saynt John[1] in Hungayte the whiche doyth amownte unto the somme of xl^{ii} xv^{s} and the reyst of the sayd money for to restore unto the said Chamberleyns to the use of the said Common Chambre.

Mem. to move the hole Commonaltye of this City of Weddinsday next whiche shalbe the eleccon day of a new Mayer what penaltye shall incurre of theym that kepys any swyne within this City to the noysaunce and especially at this instaunt tyme, some placs of the said City beyng infect with the playg of pestylence.

[1] St. John Baptist Church in Hungate ; a church first built in the 12th century and almost completely rebuilt by Richard Russell, Mayor of York in 1430.

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Item itys agreyd that Thomas Thomson shall remayne in the Shiryffs Kydcote for suche sedicyous and malicyous words as that he did laitely speyk of the said Maister Paycok when that he was lieutenaunt to the said Lord Mayer.

fo. 101b. **Plague in York. Punishment of man who disobeyed orders. Layerthorpe to be evacuated.**

20 January 3 Edward VI (1549-50). *Present*—Robert Peacock, *locum tenens*, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Dyverse matters was debatyd and resonyd for the common welle of this City and especially for the suerty and sayfytye of the same now beyng infectyd with the playg of pestylence and it is further considered that unless a good order be provyded furthwith for suche houses as ar infectyd with the seid playg myche inconvenyens and greyt deyth of people ys like to ensue and also all straungers by occasyon of the seid playg doyth now forbere and withdraw themselfs and but littyll resorte unto the seid City to the greyt dammage and impoverishyng of the moste parte of the inhabitaunts of the said City. And forsomyche as Thomas Middylton of this City, innholder, beynge sore infect with the seid playge obstinately and wilfully hathe brokyn suche order as was laitely takyn by the Lord Maier of this City and his Brethern to the greyt infeccon of a multytude of the Citizens; for whiche misdemeanour to the parlus example yt is agreyd that there shalbe levyed of the goods and cattals of the said Thomas Mydeylton xx^{li} to be imployed to the Common (*fo.* 102) Chambre so that the said Common Chambre frome hensfurth may be the more habyll to succour and helpe with all kynds of vyttell and fewell all suche people as ar now infectyd with the seyd playg thrugh the misdemeanour and defaulte of the said Middylton and one wilfull fello that is his servaunt.

Item it ys agreyd that a commaundment shalbe gevyn by the offycer of Monk Ward unto John Smyth, bocher, whose house is now infectyd that he frome hensfurth shalbe of good demeanour to tayke in his wyf unto hym appon payne of forfettour of xx^{li} to the seid Common Chambre.

Item it ys agreyd that all inhabitaunts now dwellyng in Laythrop shall resorte to this City and gif place of theire dwellyng houses unto suche persons as nowe or hereafter shalbe infectyed for the preservacon and saifgard of the seid City frome the said playg.[1]

[1] This plague is referred to in a "Report on the State of York" by T. Laycock, M.D., issued in March, 1844.

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fo. 1b. **Streets to be kept clean by householders.**

Plague lodges on Hob Moor. Castle Mills accident.

Inspector of sea fish.

5 February 4 Edward VI (1549-50). *Present*—John Lewes, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreyd for the clensynge and kepyng cleyn of all the streytts within this City that every inhabitaunt frome now furth shall cause all suche parte of the seid streytts as liyth before theire dwellynge howses to be twyse clensyd and swepyd every weyk appon payne of xij^{d}.

Furthermore it ys agreyd that all the inhabitaunts within this City shall cause the common streytts and frunts before theire doers to be sufficiently pavyd as often tymes as neyd shalbe appon a resonable warnyng appon payne of iij^{s} iiij^{d}.

Item it ys agreyd that of suche money as now is and hereafter shalbe gatheryd of devocyon within this City there shalbe (*fo.* 2) two lodgs[1] mayde of Hobmore for the inhabitacon of suche folks as ar infectyed with the playg of pestylence for the saifgard of this City; provyded alwayes that if it chaunces hereafter mo persons to be visyted with the sayd playg then can conveniently inhabet and dwell within the lodgs of the said mower that then other persons so infectyed to inhabet and dwell withoute Laythorpe Posteron there to be ordered as the seyd presens shall farther devyse as the cas shall requyre for the preservacon of the said City.

Moreover it ys agreyd for the mayntenaunce of the auncyent libertyes of this City that Myles Newton and John Emondson nowe beyng the Kyngs majestie coroners within the county of the City of York shall by force of theire offyce of coronershyp go and syt *super visum corporis* of William Watson otherwyse callyd William Clerk son of John Watson alias Clerk, bocher, who was drownyd the iiijth day of this instaunt moneth a littyll from the Castell mylnes in the Cownty of the seyd City with the greyt owtragyous fluyd of water that then came owte of the watter of Fosse with suche vyolens that the sayd water dyd then and there overthraw and whelme over the bote that the seyd William Watson, Robert Welshe, maryner, Rychard Dyconson, shipwright and one boye of Frauncis Trotter was then for to sayf two sheyps of the sayd John Watson that then had been drownyd within Seynt George if that they had not beyn takyn owte of the seyd

[1] These lodges on Hob Moor were used in subsequent epidemics in this City. Layerthorpe now becomes a reserve plague-lodge.

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close by the sayd William Watson and other above namyd that was then in the seyd bote with hym. Any instruccon or commandnent gevyn unto the seyd coroners heretofore in writyng under the Lorde Admyrall seyll of England of his offyce of the Admyraltie in the last tyme of the Mairaltie of the right worshipfull George Gayle in any thynge to the contrary notwithstondyng[1].

Item it ys fully concludyd (*fo.* 2b) that William Man, one of the common serjaunts of this City shalbe surveyour of all suche freshe sea fishe as at any tyme hereafter shalbe brought to Fossebrige to thentent that all the inhabitaunts within the seid City and suburbes of the same shalbe well servyd therwith at a resonable pryce for their money ; and frome hensefurth to suffer no parte of the seyd fyshe to be conveyed away in bots, naythe to the towne of Duncaster nor to none other place or places contrary the auncyent statuts and ordynaunes of the sayd City ; and also that he shall suffer no suche kynde of fyshe to be conveyed owte of this City at any tyme hereafter of horslod but suche as the Mayer of the said City for the tyme beyng shall suffer to passe by his discressyon by speciall commaundment by hym to be gevyn to the said William Man or to any other excersisyng the sayd offyce.

fo. 3b. **Porters' Ordinance.**

7 February 4 Edward VI (1549-50). *Present*—John Lewes, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

The said presens grauntyd unto the common porters of this City respet[2] to gif theire aunswere as a byll to them delyvered for one ordynaunce to be mayd towchyng theire occupacon whiche aunswere the seid porters haithe in commaundment to mayke to the Lord Maier of Monday next.[3]

fo. 4. **M.P.'s report.**

10 February 4 Edward VI (1549-50). *Present*—John Lewes, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Maister William Holme, one of the Citizens of the Parliament for this Citie who came home uppon Satterday the viijth day of February who declaryd before the said presens what Acts was passed at the last sessions of Parliament and also a bill of artycles confessyd to be done by the lait Lorde Protectour.

Also it is agreyd that ther shalbe an ordynaunce mayd for the common porters accordyng to the tenure of ther supplicacon mayd to my Lord Mayer and his Brethren.

[1] Drowning accidents at Castle Mills. See *York Memorandum Book*, I, p. 23.

[2] Respet ; further time.

[3] For Porters' Ordinances see *York Civic Records* II, p. 122 ; III, p. 185.

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fo. 7.[1]

Regulations for sale of corn.

A proclamacon for the commonwell of this Citie of York.

Furste that all those that bryngyth any corne to this Citie to be sold shall sell the same corne in the market place of the said Citie and in no common staith nor within no howses apon payne of a fyne after the quantytie of ther trespas.

Also that no corne seller by ther selfs nor yit by ther servaunts nor factours at any tyme hereafter doo taike uppon them to oppen any sekk or poke to sell any maner of kynd of grane within the market place of this Citie before that the corne bell hangyng in the market place of the Pavment be rong at x of the cloke and that none of the corne sellers nor ther servaunts nor factours prevely nor oppynly doo take uppon them to sell any maner of corne to any of the common bakers of this Citie nor to any strangers or stranger before one of the clok be smyttyn of Owse brige every market day in the weke appon payne of forfatour of all suche grane and corne so bought and sold contrary this said proclamacon.

Also that no fransheseman of this Citie doo take uppon hym or them from hensefurthe to sett any stalle within any market place of this said Citie but that thay shall sell ther wares onely within ther shoppes and who so that do the contrary to this proclamacon shall pay to the said Common Chambre for every suche offence vi^{s} viij^{d}.

(*fo.* 7b). Also that no persons nor person whiche ar common sellers of wollen cloth or lynnen clothe or of any other maner of wares at any tyme after this present proclamacon shall putt to sayll any of ther clothe or wares to any strangers or stranger within this Citie, whiche is comonly callyd forren boght and forren sold, agaynst the auncyent graunts, statuts and ordynaunces of this said Citie, and by reason of suche byeng and sellyng the said clothe and all other marchaundyses, forren boght and forren solde within this Citie is to be takyn and seasyd to thuse of the Common Chambre, provyded always that this proclamacon shalnot in any wyse extend to the hurte or damage to any person or persons that hereafter shall bryng to this Citie wollen clothe or lynnen clothe of ther owen propre makyng to sell and beyng but of a small quantytie or substaunce, but that it be laufull to all suche person or persons at all tymes hereafter when that thay shall repare and come to this said Citie with any wollen clothe that thay shall furthwith resorte and goe to the Thursday markett and ther to put ther said clothe to saill withoute any penaltie, forfatour or contradiccon in that behalf and if that any person or persons goe hawkyng abowte this Citie withe ther clothe or any other other wares to sell contrary the auncyent custome and ordynaunce of this said Citie that thay shall pay to the Comon

[1] Folios 5 and 6 are wanting.

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Chambre for every suche offence iii^{s} iiij^{d} so often tymes as thay or any of tham dothe contrary this proclamacon in sellyng of ther said clothe and other wares.

(*fo.* 8). Also that all franchest men that dwelleth furth of this [City] shall come to dwell within the said Citie, or ells to take a howse within the said Citie before Whytsonday next and to bere and pay all maner of charges as a freman oght to do uppon payne of leasyng of ther fredome.

fo. 9. **Arrangements for collecting money for the relief of those infected with the Plague and also of the poor in York.**

16 February 4 Edward VI (1549-50). *Present*—John Lewes, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

The sayd presens dyd tayke one order aswell for the releif of all suche persons as ar visyted with the playg of pestylens in any place within this City and suburbes, as also for the releif, help and succour of all indygent and poore people within the sayd City and suburbes and especially suche as ar impotent and not habyll to labour.

And to the intent that suche order and direccon shalbe hereafter fermely observyd and kept yt is agreyd that there shall be Wardemoote courts kept of Weddinsday at nowne and of Thursday and Friday next to come, at whiche courts the wardeyns shall gyff in strayt commandment to the constables and the hede beggars of every warde furthwith to avoyde all straunge beggars accordyng to the Kyngs Acts and Statuts therof had and provyded.

Benevolens grauntyd by the sayd presens for the consideraccon above sayd for the saifte and good preservacon of this City.

BOWTHUM WARD.

Parochia	St. Michael in le Belfray, every weyk	x^{s}
	St. Martins in Connystreyt, every weyk	v^{s}
	St. Elen in Staynegate like wyse, every weyke	iij^{s} iiij^{d}
	St. Olavs, every weyk	xx^{d}

(*fo.* 9b). MONK WARD.

St. Sampsons	iij^{s} iiij^{d}
St. Crux in Curia Regis	v^{s}
Trinites in Gotherumgayte and St. John le pyke	iij^{s}
St. Maurice	xij^{d}
St. Saviour	xx^{d}
All Saints in Peseholme	iiij^{d}
St. Cuthbert	xij^{d}
St. Elen on Walls	xij^{d}

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WALMEGAYTE WARD.

St. Michael at Ouse bridge end	v^{s}
St. Mary in Castelgayte	xvj^{d}
All Saints on Pavement with Peter layne lettyll	3^{s} 4^{d}
Crux parishe	v^{s}
St. Denis	iiij^{s}
St. Margaret	ij^{s}
St. Laurence and Nicholas	xij^{d}

MIKELLYTH WARD.

St. John Ouse bridge end	ij^{s} vj^{d}
St. Martin's in Mikkylgayte	xx^{d}
St. Nicholas called Trinyte parishe in Mikkylgayte	xx^{d}
All Saints in North streyt	ij^{s}
St. Mary elder with Clementhorpe	xx^{d}
Blessed Mary new Bishophyll	xij^{d}

To be collectyd weikly by the constables and churche wardens of every of the said parishes weikly as is aforesaid.

Item it is agreyd that the sayd Warde moot courts shalbe kept as hereafter folowyth; that is to wyt (*fo.* 10) in Mikellyth ward at one of the clok of weddinsday next at afternowne at the place accustomyd.[1]

fo. 10.

Item it ys fully agreyd that the sersours of the fishers appon Fossebryg and all other therabowts, with the reyst of theere occupacons shall frome hencefurth well and trewly observe their auncyent ordynaunes.

Addyt the iiijth day of June 4 Edward VI.

Also it is agreyd that the constables and churchewardens of every parishe to levy and gather the sommes of money appoyntyd for the releyf of the power people and to pay the same every sonday to the wardens of the warde and for non payment the sayd constables and churchewardens shall take distresses and prayse the same, and if any of the said constables or churchewardens be neglygent in executyng of the premysses that who as offendith them shalbe commyttyd to ward and ther to remayn unto thay have payd the doble value of ther charge. And forther it is agreyd that all those that ar gone or hereafter shall go furthe of this Citie shall pay all maner of dewties as well to the releyf of power people as otherways or ells they to be dysfranshesyd.

[1] The Walmgate, Bootham, Monk Ward moots to be held on Thursday, and Friday next.

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fo. 10b.

22 February 4 Edward VI (1549-50). *Present*—John Lewes, Mayor, 6 Aldermen and 1 Sheriff.

Agreyd that the lady of Shrewsbury shall have a present gevyn of the costs of the Common Chambre.

fo. 11. **Reason for relief of the poor. Ward arrangements for distribution of money.**

25 February 4 Edward VI (1549-50). *Present*—John Lewes, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

The sayd presens dyd fully conclude and agree how and after what maner all the poore people inhabitaunt within this City and suburbs shalbe relevyd weikly towards theire fynedyng within every warde to thentent that none of the sayd poore folks shall at no tyme hereafter go of beggyng abrode in any place within the said City and suburbes so long as the playge of pestylens doyth contynue in any place within the sayd City and suburbes, whiche conclusyon hereafter folowyth.

The order of the benevolens of Bowtham ward to be distributyd as hereafter folowyth, whiche benevolens is weikly.

Furst that [1] parcell therof shalbe distriputyd emongs the poore people of that ward beyng of the nombre of [1] and the same weikly. And the same weikly benevolens by the commandement of the sayd ward to be gevyn and paid weikly by the constables of every parishe within the sayd ward and the hede begger of that ward for to be at the commandement of the sayd wardens and constables. The benevolens to the sayd poore folks of the sayd ward amowntyth unto [1] ; and the reyst whiche is [1] to be payd weikly towardes the fynedyng of all suche persons as ar visytted with the sayd playge.[2]

(*fo.* 11b). Mem. that at this Courte John Wylson of this City, baker, dyd delyver unto the Chamberleyns of this City the somme of vj^{li} xviij^{s} of the common money that was laitely in his custody after suche maner and fourme as ys not unknowne to the sayd presens.

fo. 12b. **Butchers breach of their ordinances.**

St. Georges Day, 23 April (1550). 4 Edward VI. *Present*—John Lewes, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that all the butchers of this Citie shalbe callyd before the said presens this day at after none, and to declare wherefore they or any of them dothe kepe closyng and gressing nygh aboute this Citie agaynste the aunceyent ordynaunce mayd for the same

[1] Blank
[2] The same instructions are given to the other three wards.

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and that the said auncyent ordynaunce therefore mayd shalbe put in dewe executon according to the tenour of the same.[1]

fo. 13. **Visit of the brother of the Queen of Scotland.**

Plague regulations.

7 May 4 Edward VI (1550). *Present*—John Lewes, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 11 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that one honourable present shalbe gevyn to the right honour. Marquyes de Mayn, fransheman, beyng brother to the Queyn of Skotts and came as imbassydour as it is reportyd ; and that my Lorde Mayour and his Brethren shall mete the said Marquyes de Mayn at Myklith Barr and so to conduct hym to hys lodgyng.

Also it was agreyd that all wardens in ther wards shall generally take shuche order for savegard of this Citie that all those whiche be or hereafter shalbe enfectyd with the plaige shall kepe ther owen howses and to be preparyd for accordynglie, and if it forton any of them uppon great necessitie to go abrode then suche as dothe goo abrode shall have a white rodd in ther hands to thentent they may be knowen ; and that every howse that is infectyd shall have [a] rede crosse sett uppon the dower ; and also that suche as departith uppon the plaige shall be buryed uppon the day and not uppon the nyght ; and further whan any person is departyd that ymediatlie before the corse shalbe hadd to the buryall the bell shalbe knyllyd unto the corse be buryed ; and further that no dogges go abrode in this Citie uppon payn to forfait for every dogg that goith abrode vj^{s} viij^{d}.

fo. 14. **Butchers from outside allowed to sell meat in the City.**

8 May 4 Edward VI (1550). *Present*—John Lewes, Mayor, 12 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that all foeren butchers shall resorte to this Citie daly with fleshe to sell in Thursday markett, Trinite churcheyerd in Mykkylgat and at the fysh shamylls at Fossebrige end frely without any payng of paygaunt money or other imposicons consideryng that is for the helpe of this Citie duryng the tyme that the said Citie is infectyd with the plaige.

fo. 16b. **Difficulty in getting Bridgemasters in plague time.**

No Corpus Christi Play this year.

18 May 4 Edward VI (1550). *Present*—John Lewes, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

[1] *York Civic Records*, vol. 1, p. 33, where it is stated that butchers are not to pasture their cattle within six miles of York.

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John Stamper, tyler, was elect and chosyn to be brigmayster of Ousebryge in the lieu and place of Rychard Bowthorpe, gentylman, who laitely paid hys fyne of iiij^{li} therfore, by force of whiche eleccon the seyd John Stamper personally came before the seyd presens and tuyk his oyth of the offyce of brigmayster of Ousebryge to excersyse and occupye the sayd offyce with Robert Vawce, hys fello, for this yere. And in consyderacon that sex Citizens was laitely elect to the seyd rowme before that the seyd Stamper was electyd, who refusyd utterly to occupye the seyd offyce, appon whiche refusall every one of them payd the fyne of iiij^{li} accustomyd to the use of the Common Chambre of the sayd City, all whiche fynes in the hole amowntyth to the somme of xx iiij^{li} and in consyderacon that none wold tayke uppon theym the seyd offyce by reason that the visytacon of God of the playge of pestylence at this present ys in dyverse placs within the seyd City and also in consideracon that the sayd Stamper ys supposyd to be but a poore man and this yere so far spent and also it ys consydered that the seyd Stamper (*fo.* 17) at the present ys not in store of money to disburse and pay with hys fyne unto the Common Chambre of mydsomer evyn next the rents and fermes then accustomyd to be payd, appon whiche consideracons before expressyd it ys fully agreyd that the sayd John Stamper shall have by way of lone x^{li} parcell of the seyd fynes of xxiiij^{li} to the tyme that his fello and he have mayd and finyshed there accompt accordyng to the custome of the sayd City. Also it ys agreyd that the brigmaisters clerks of bothe the bryggs within this City shall furthwith mayke perfyte rentals of all the commonlands within this City and suburbes and to put in to the same rentals the londs of the layte dissolvyd Guyld of Seynt Christofer and Seynt George within the seyd City and suburbes to thentent that the brigmaysters may have knowlege of there charge consideryng the seid visitacon of the playg aforseyd. And in consideracon of the seyd playg it is agreyd that the common offycers of the City shall furthwith tayke in to theyre hands the bylletts that was delyvered furth for Corpus Christi play and the sayd play for the seyd consideracon to be sparyd and not to be played this yere.

Here after folowyth the naymes of all thos persons that after the deyths of George Northen, bocher, who was one of the brigmaysters of Ousebryg this yere dyd refuse to supple that roume ; and therappon every one of theym payd theyre fynes of iiij^{li} accustomyd to the Common Chambre of thys City.

(*fo.* 17b). Inprimis of George Hall, merchaunt, iiij^{li}.

Item of George Cooke, hosyer. iiij^{li}.

Item of Bryan Thomson, merchaunt. iiij^{li}.

Item of Wylliam Mason, merchaunt, suerty therfore Jamys Harryngton, one of the Shiryffs of this City iiij^{li} to be payd of midsomer eyn next to the Chamberleyns of this City.

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Item of Thomas Middylton, tanner, iiij^{li} a pledge therfore, that is to say, a stondyng nut of sylver and double gylt and the seyd iiij^{li} to be payd at mighelmas next in consideracon that the seyd Middylton dyd allege that [he] was but a poore man.

Item of Richard Gowthorpe, gentylman, iiij^{li}.

Summa totalis xxiiij^{li}.

Item it ys agreyd that the releyf that was grauntyd unto theym that was or hereafter shalbe visyted with the seyd playg shall contynue the payment therof from nowfurth unto the feyst of Seynt Peter the Advincula callyd Lames next to come appon the good demeanours of the people that shall be visyted and the seyd payment for that purpose to be mayd weikly by the wardens of every ward of the seid City as hathe been laitely heretofore usyd.

fo. 18. **Relief of plague victims.**
Cases to be housed in Layerthorpe.

28 May 4 Edward VI (1550). *Present*—John Lewes, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

[1]Assemblyd in the Counsell Chambre of the Common Hall for an order to be takyn for the releif of all those people that be vysyttyd with the plaige within the Citie of York and suburbes whiche at this present ar foundon to be vesyt the nowmbre of C persons or theruppon.

It is therefore agreyd that every on of them that be vesytyd shall have bestowyd of them viij^{d} in the weke so long as neyde shall requyer to be payd furth of the Common Chambre of this Citie towards ther releyf and every one of the said vesyt people to kepe suche ordre as is mayd by any Lorde Maiour and his Brethern orells they to have none of the said relief and to be avoydyd this Citie for ever.

Also it is further agreyd that all those that be nowe vesyt shall within vj days next to come be appoyntyd to go and abyde in suche howses as shalbe appoynted for them withowte Laithrop Postron except those that be infectyd within Crysts parishe; and that ther shalbe payd every weke to the hands of Maister Hall, Alderman, every monday x^{ls} to be devyded emongs them that be vesytyd in Crysts parishe and Monk ward; and the residew that be vesyt in other placs shall have for every person viij^{d} and to be dystrybutyd by the advyce and order of the Wardens of the wards and to the said payments to begyn uppon Monday next.

fo. 19. **Lead to be taken from two chapels.**
Sheriffs payments.

30 May 4 Edward VI (1550). *Present*—John Lewes, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

[1] This is the meeting place of the Council until January of the following year. The usual meeting place was in the Council Chamber on Ouse Bridge.

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Agreyd that the steple and all the lead uppon the chapell of Owsebryge shalbe takyn doune and the Chappell to be thekyd with stone and all other the stalls and implements of the same to be sold to the common use. The clokk that bells to be reservyd. And also that the leade of the chappell of Saynt George and Saint Crystofer shalbe takyn doune and solde to the common use and the said chappelle to be thekyd with stone.[1]

Item it is agreyd that Master Bacheler and Master Goodyere lait shyrryffs of this Citie shall content and pay to the Common Chambre that xxx^{li} betwixt them that was levyd by the Kings Act of Parliament uppon fryday next after Corpus Crystie day next for to be imployd accordyng to the tenour and effect of the said Acte of Parlyament and if aither of them doo faill of payment of ther said somme for ther parte at the day appoyntyd that he that mayks defalte of payment shalbe commyttyd to warde unto suche tyme that he payd his parte.

fo. 19b. **Sheriffs' payments. Burial of plague victims.**

Dicveneris 4 June 4 Edward VI (1550). *Present*—John Lewes, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

William Bacheler and Thomas Goodyere, lait Shyrryffs of this Citie haith contentyd and payd to the hands of the Chamberleyns of this Citie the somme of fyfteyn pounds, the half yere fee farme grauntyd to the Citie by Acte of Parlyament and to be imployed according to the tenour of the said Acte and other xv^{li} resydue of the sayd fee farme the said William Bacheler and Thomas Goodyere shall content and pay the same at Lammes next.

Also it is agreyd that those whiche doith burry the persons departyd uppon the plaige shall have for ther paynes takyn therin as shalbe thought convenyent by the dyscressyon of the wardens of the ward.

fo. 20. **Malt kilns to be done away with.**

Houses not to be pulled down.

Friday, 21 June 4 Edward VI (1550). *Present*—John Lewes, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 2 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the officers of the four wards shall furthwith go abowte within there wards and to give straite charge and warnyng to all and every person that haith any malte kyllnes within this Citie or suburbes that from the feast of the Nativitie of Saynt John Baptyste next to come they shall occupye no malte kylnes within the said Citie and suburbes for the space of two yeres next according to the Acte heretofore mayd for the same.

[1] The chapel on Ousebridge is St. William's Chapel. It had a chiming clock. The chapel of St. Christopher and St. George stood on the site of the present Mansion House. After the Reformation it became a tavern.

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Also it is agreyd that the Acte for powllyng doune of houses shalbe put in dewe execucon accordyng to the trewe entent and meanyng of the same.

Also it is agreyd further that from this day furth there shalbe payd wekely towards the people that be vesytyd in Monk ward xx^{s} so long as neyd shall requyer.

Also that Maister Bean, Alderman, shall have suche money as he haith heretofore dysbursed to those that be vesytyd in Myklyth ward according to the rait and agrement therefore mayd the xxviijth day of May last past.

fo. 21. **The plague interferes with the collection of money for the King.**

To the right honourable and ther synguler good Lorde the Lorde Precydent of the Kings mooste honourable Councell establyshed in the Northe parties.

Pleas it your good Lordship to be advertysed that by virtue of the Kings majestie lettres to us dyrectyd datyd at Sheffield the xxiij day of this instant moneth of June wee dyd furthwith uppon the sight therof call before us oure wellebelovyd brother, Maister William Holme, Alderman, and Robert Holme, who ar the Kings collectours within the Citie of Yorke and wapentake of the Aynsty for the collecton of the second payment of the releif grauntyd to his highnes by Acte of Parliement and dyd shewe and declare unto them his grace high comaundement for payment therof immediatlie and by virtue of the said lettres in his grace name dyd charge and commaund them at ther uttermoste perills to make payment furthwith of CLvj^{li} xviij^{s} vj^{d} beyng parcell of the hole somme of CLxvj^{li} xviij^{s} vj^{d}. And we dyd also showe unto them the moost loving lettre of oure especyall good lorde the Erle of Wiltshire to us also dyrectyd for the intent above sayd advysyng them uppon the receipt of that lettre to make payment of the said CLvj^{li} xviij^{s} vj^{d} for the dyscharge of the obligacon wherein they stond boundon to the Kings highnes in double somme according to the said Acte, and theruppon they mayd aunswer unto us that the moste parte of the said money was collectyd and that some parte therof as yit is not collectyd by occacon of the plaige whiche is at this present in dyverse placs within the said Citie and suburbes of the same. The said collectours haith mayd us full promes that the hole somme of there charge shalbe payd to the Kings highnes at Mighelmes terme next and herein wee have accomplishyd the Kings high comaundement concernyng the premisses and according to oure mooste bowndon dewties so farr as lieth in us to doe, as knoweth oure Lorde God who long contynue your Lordship in honour.

Frome Yorke this last day of June 1550,
Your assuryd the Maiour of Yorke and his brethren
Aldermen of the same.

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fo. 21b. **York short of beer. Directions to Brewers.**

4 July 4 Edward VI (1550). *Present*—John Lewes, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

In the Counsell Chambre of the Common Hall.

Agreyd that uppon compleynt mayd by the power Citizens for lakk of drynke that all the berebruers and other common bre[w]sters of this Citie shall sell no malte but contynue brewyng for to serve the King's subjects within the said Citie for ther money at reasonable pryses ; and whiche of the said berebruers and others that dothe absent hymself or refuse to brewe holsome bere or alle for the purpose above said shalbe punyshed and make fyne therefore at the dyscression of the said presens after the quantytie of ther trespas and if they will not submyte themselfs for ther offencs they to be dysfranshesyd for ever.

fo. 22. **Orders about grain. Butchers and Council Members who have left the City are to come back.**

9 July 4 Edward VI (1550). *Present*—John Lewes, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

In the Counsell Chambre in the Common Hall. Agreyd that frome this day forwards no whete, rye nor malte nor noone other kynde of grayne but onely beans shalbe sold by any freman nor any other inhabitants within the Citie and suburbes to any strangers to carry furth of this Citie, where thrugh the Kings subjects herein myght lakk bread or drynke in this tyme of plaige of pestylence.

Also it is agreyd that the wardens and constables and officers of every ward shall furthwith maike dewe serche what substance and quantitie of all kynds of grane is at this present within ther wards and to make sertyficate therof to my Lorde Mayer uppon fryday next in wrytyng.

Item it is agreyd that a like inquerye shalbe made of all the common bakers and brewsters what substance as they do bake and brew as well bere as ale every weke and to make like certificate therof to my Lord Mayour uppon fryday next.

(*fo.* 22b). Item it [is] also agreyd that William Drewe, William Dowson, John Weddell, botchers, and all other botchers that ar gone furth of this Citie shalbe sent for furthwith and commaunded in my Lord Maiours name to come and serve the inhabitaunts of this Citie uppon payne of every one that maks defalte therof ten pounds.

Also it is agred that the Aldermen and Sheryffs of this Citie that haith withdraune and absentyd themselfs furth of the Citie wherethrugh ther lakkyth good order by ther defalts, shall resorte home agayne themselfs in to this Citie the xiiijth day of this instante monethe and here to remayne to ayde and assiste my Lord Maiour in his office of maryaltee according to ther othes

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appon payne of xx^{li} every weke for his absence to the Common Chambre towards the releif of the visityd people.[1]

(*fo.* 23). Agreyd that ther shalbe payd to power folks that be vesyt in Walmegaite ward uppon Satterday next x^{s} and so wekely.

Likewyse to the power people vesyttyd in Bowthome ward wekelye every Satterday x^{s}.

fo. 23b. **Sheriffs elected. Heslington and Fulford rioters.**

A former Mayor of York captive in Scotland.

St. Mathews day 21 September 4 Edward VI (1550). *Present*—John Lewes, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

In the Common Hall. Eleccon of two Sheryffs of this Citie according to the Kings chartre of eleccon. Fower eslyts namyd and chosyn by the Common Counsell assemblyd in the said Common Hall. The sayd presens by the mooste voyses haithe electyd Percyvall Crawfurth, monyer, and Edmond Greneburg, draper.

Item it is agreyd that Myles Newton, Common Clerk, shall ryde to London this terme and have a lettre of attourney under the common seall to be devysyd to Maister Recorder for the removyng of the indytements of ryott agaynst them of Heslington and Fulforth ; and he to have his chargs borne of the Common Chambre as he hath hadd before this tyme.

Also the same day Maister Hogeson, lait Alderman of this Citie, broght a lettre from Syr Robert Bowes, Lorde Warden of Este and Myddle Marches of England foranenst Scotland, whiche lettre was redd before the sayd presens and the same lettre hereafter ensewithe.

(*fo.* 24). Right worshipful with my very hartie comendacons to you my Lorde Mair and your brothren thaldermen and Comune Counsell of that honorable Citie. Wher the berer herof John Hodgeson, late Alderman of that Citie, by chaunce of warre in the Kings majestie service was taken prisoner by the Scotts at the journey wher Sir Rauf Evers, then Lord Warden of the Mydle Marches of England forayeinst Scotland was slayne and longe tyme kept prisoner captive in Scotland by occacon wherof his substaunce is moche decaied, and yet sithence it was not by his oune prodigaltie, negligence or fawlte but by chaunce of warre in his princs syrvice wherbie divers other of greter [2]havour and port then he have sustened the like dampnage it is every good mans part to helpe and relieve him the rather and upon thes consideracons I have for a tyme till he maie by Godds grace partlie repaire and restore againe his said losses, accepted and taken hym

[1] Members of the xxiv and Chamberlains who absent themselves are to pay 10*£* weekly. Former Chamberlains and all who are constables 6s. 8d. weekly.

[2] Havour and port;—substance and position.

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into the Kings majestic guarison and service here, and most hertelie require yowe to be frendlie ayders and helpers of hym in soche affaires as he ther or in thos parties shall have to do ; and wher as in his absence the rome of his aldermanship as I am enformed is disposed and appointed to an other to his great dampnage otherwise then I thinke stondeth either with good reason or the custome of every soche noble Citie that a man called to preferment therin by his long continuance, costs, chardgs and good demeanour sholde without defawlte or his oune consent be put from the same; wherin I eftsones most hertelie require yowe gratefullie to consider hym and yet by your good helpe I trust he shalbe hable to overcome this mysfortune and in your good will shewynge therunto for his aide ye shall not onelie do a charitable and meritoriouse deede in the sight of God but also an acte moche to thonour of your Citie and therbie bynde me to be desirouse to requite your gentlenes therin with any sembleable pleasure as occation shall serve me to do for yow or any of yowe. And thus I commyt yow, my Lorde and all your Brothern of that honorable Citie to the eternal preservation of the lyvynge God.

From Barwicke this xvi^th^ day of August 1550,

Your assuered lovinge frend,

Robert Bowes.

fo. 24a.

And hereuppon the said presens dyd consulte togydders and immedyaltlie after ther consultaton they causyd the said letter to be oppynlie redd in the Comon Hall unto the Comon Counsall and the eldest serchers of every of the xij and xv crafts there beyng then present, whiche Common Counsell and the eldest serchers then and there by one assent putt there full mynds to graunt suche yerely annuytie and releyf to the sayd Maister Hogeshon as they shall thynk good. And theruppon the said presens consyderyd the absence of dyvers of there brethren Aldermen, as Maister Gayle, Mr. Northe, Mr. Shadlok, Mr. Paycok, Mr. Appylyerd and other of the xxiiij so that they were then and there in a warut and doubt what was the best for them to do in the premysses ; they ponderyng that the said Lord Warden myght shewe many pleasours to the Citie, and also havyng then great pyttie of the sayd Maister Hodeshon and of good wylle and mynde to releif and helpe hym in consyderacon that he heretofore had borne the worshipfull rowmes and offices of this Citie to his great costs and chargs in tymes past, for whiche consyderacon the sayd presens by one assent dyd frely gyve and graunt to hym one annuytie or yerely rent of fyve pownds of currant money of England to be payd yerely to hym duryng his lyf naturall furthe of the Common Chambre of the sayd Citie (*fo.* 24ab). He to have wrytyng mayd thereof under the seall of office of the maryaltie of the sayd Citie. And the said Maister Hogeson dyd then and

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there fully promyse to the sayd presens that if the said Maister Gayll and other of the sayd Lord Maiour Brethern who was then absent by reason of the plaige that nowe is within the sayd Citie dyd dyssagree and hold them nott content to the graunt of the said yerely annuytie (*fo.* 24ab) of v^li^ that then and uppon the dyssagrement of the moost parte of them he shuld surrender and delyver in agayn to the said Lord Maiour the wrytyng of the sayd graunt.

fo. 25b. **Warning that unruly soldiers are about to be disbanded.**

By the King.

Right trustie and welbelovyd we grete you well; and where as a grete nombre of soldiours ar at this present retournyng home from Calice and other places where they have served in the tyme of this lait warres beyng indeyd suche maner of men as were sumwhat unruly before they were sent thether, and therefore not unlyke nowe to be further owte of frame[1] yf they shall nott be lokyd uppon in tyme, and by cause ye shuld have a vigylaunte eye unto them and suche like for good order and quyetnesse of our subjects lest by your sufferance and slaknes therin they myght bothe loter[2] and take boldenesse to offend the same contrary to ower lawes, we have thought good before the disperton of them into ther severall countres to signefie it unto you to thintent that ye may take ordre that the Statuts provyded for vagabounds and suche other like may be putt in due execucon. Wherefore we woll and commaund you uppon the sight of these oure lettres that not onely the sayd Statuts, but also all suche orders as have beyn laitlie devysed for the quyett of this oure Realm may be still contynuyd and daylie observyd with all circumspeccon and deligence on your behalf accordynglie. Faill ye nott hereof as ye tender our pleasoure and the good administracion of your dewties and wyll answer to the contrary at your perills. Yeven under our signitt at Sheffield the xix^th^ day of Septembre the fourth yere of oure reign and by his Counseill.

27 and 27b. **Price of corn and other commodities.**

Two letters from the Kings Council in the North about checking excessive prices for corn and other commodities. A proclamation "was oppynly proclamyd within the Citie of York in oppen Markett ther uppon Satterday, Saynt Lukeday, the xviij^th^ day of Octobre iiij Ed. VI."[3]

1 Owte of frame; disordered.

2 loter; loiter.

3 *fo.* 28. The Proclamation about corn is ordered to be read in the Ainsty by named persons. One named was unable to go—"Maister Gaill haith takyn a farvent cold at the present time."

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fo. 31. **Commodities not being brought to Markets.**

By the King.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete you well. And where as we have beyn credablie enfourmyd that notwithstanding our mooste straite commaundement signefyed as well by two severall proclamacons as also by dyvers our lettres for bryngyng of all maner of grane, butter and chese to the marketts and sellyng of the same at suche reasonable prices as in them the said proclamacons more fully ar contenyd, the great nombre of suche as have gretest quantetie of grane, butter and chese in ther hands, forgytting bothe ther boundon dewties of obedience to us and also that charytable affecon they ought to bere to there neghbours, have and do refuse to bryng ther corne, butter and chese to the markett in suche sorte as we have commaundyd, whiche ther insolent behaviour as it semyth to us very straynge so may it growe to further inconvenyence if spedie remedie be not provyded, you shall therefore understand that we beyng by God appoyntyd your naturall sovereign Lorde mynde not to suffre this lewyd behaviour unrefourmyd and therefore the furste woll have the said proclamacens for bryngyng in of corne, butter and chese to the markett at the pryses appoyntyd in all things humble executyd and observyd, as to the dewties of good subjects appertenyth, for the better doyng whereof having a specyall truste and confydence bothe in your wysdomes and also in your approved fidelities and erneste zeale to serve us we have appoyntyd you our speciall Commyssioners for the good execucon of the said proclamacons. Oure pleasure therefore is that causyng the Justics of peax within that our Citie of Yorke and the Countie of the same to be assemblyd and declaryng unto them the effects of this oure Commyssion you shall furste confarr with them by what means the said proclamacons may best have ther good execucon and cawsyng the said Justics and suche other grave gentylmen as you shall thynk metest to be appoyntyd to ther several parties of the said Citie and Countie of the same, geve order that the marketts may be wekely sufficyently furnyshed and sayll mayd in quyet maner according to the proclamacons, wherin if any man shuld be found dysobedient or (*fo.* 31a) refuse to bring to the marketts suche proporcon as shalbe appoyntyd, you shall not onely in that caise cause suche quantetyse of corne, butter and chese as is or shalbe appointyd to hym or them so refusyng to be takyn owte of his or there barnes, stalls or garnards[1] and so to be brought to the market by the constables or some other honest inhabitants of the towne where he that so refuseth dwelleth, but also cause hym or them so refusing to be furthwith sent upp in sure custody to our right trustie and right wellbeloved cossyn and counsellour Francis Erle of Shrewsbury, Lord President of our Counsaill

[1] Garnards ; garners.

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established in the Northe parties, and other our counsellours there to be further used for his or there contempte according to justice, in the doyng wherof and executyng of this charge albeit we nothyng doubte but you will use your accustomyd indifferencs, discrecons and good dexterytes; yit for that the insolence and wylfulnes of man is very great, you the Sheryf of that our said Countie be specially appoyntyd in this Commyssion, not only to joyne with the reest in the execucon therof, but also to assemble the force of the said Citie and Countie of the same if any neyd shuld so requier. And yit when ye shall have ones brought the people to knowe ther boundon dewties so as the marketts be quyetlie servyd and the proclamaions obeyd you shall understand that uppon knowlege frome you of anything for the pryses (in respect perchaunce of that Citie) may seme to neyd redresse uppon humble sute and knowlege frome you therin we woll gratiously geve suche order for reformacon as may seme requysett, and further we woll that ye shall take order with suche baggers as bring grane unto any placs within that our Citie that they over and besyds the prises lymyttyd in the said proclamacons may be reasonably allowyd for ther carryage of ther grane according to the distance of the place they come fro. Fynally albeyt there haith beyn heretofore speciall lettres addressyd to you and others of our said Citie for (*fo.* 32) regard to be hadd to thexecutyng of the said proclamacons and bryngyng of grayne to the marketts yit our pleasour is nowe that from the ryvall of these our letters and frome thensefurth those formar letters shall sease and that you onely takyng neverthelesse thadvise of the others shall have the cheif charge thereof whiche you may, signifie unto thodders accordyngly, and if it chaunseth that some of you to whome these letters be addressed shall fortoune to be absent owte of the Citie and Countie of the same, yit our pleasour is that yow who shalbe present within the said Citie shall furth [with] proceyd to thexecucon of the contents therof withoute tarryeng for any of them that shall fortoune to be absent. Yeven under our signett at Sheffeld the xxiij of Novembre (4 Edward VI)

And by his Counsaill.

fo. 32b. **Villages which are to send Corn to York Market.**

Coppie of the Kings majestes Counsells letter sent to the right worshipfull Sir Peter Vavasour, Commyssioner for the viewe of corne betwyn Owse and Darwent.

Townships to be assignyd to the markett at York. Furst Escryk, Wheldrake, Styllingflete, Elvington, Dighton, Fulfurth, Naburn, Heslyngton, Standforth briggs cum Scorebie, Donnyngton and Grymston.

After mooste hartie commendacons; for as muche as the Maiour and Aldermen of Yorke have compleynyd unto us the

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scarstie of corne in the marketts we have therefore thought good to requyer you to charge the inhabitants of thes abovenamyd towneships to repayre to the said Citie at the markett days with suche quantetie of corne as may be sparyd by your undowbted discressions beyng the onely Commyssioners ther at this instant betwixt Owse and Darwent ; and so the Holie Trinitie have you in his kepyng.

This v^th^ of December,

Yours assuryd William Babthorp,

Your humble son, John Vavasour.[1]

fo. 34. **Death of Miles Newton, Town Clerk. New Clerk appointed.**

Tuesday, 8 December 4 Edward VI (1550). *Present*—John Lewes, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 9 of the xxiv.

In the Counsaill Chambre within the Common Hall.

Agreyd that forsomuch as uppon the death of Myles Newton, the Common Clerke of this Citie, the rome and office of Common Clerkeship was then voyd ; whereuppon ymediatlie after the same rome and office was frely gevyn and grauntyd by my Lorde Maiour and his Brethren unto Thomas Faill gentylman, whome they do thynke a man able and mete for the same and theruppon the same Thomas Faill was before the said presens fully admyttyd and swerne trewly to excersise and occupye the said office and to have the yerely fee and profetts belongyng to the same uppon his honeste behaviour, conversacon and demeanour in the said office.

fo. 35b. **Permit to export Lead.**

To our loving freynds the Maiour and his Brethren of the Citie of Yorke.

After our hartie commendacone ; wheras the Maiour and his Brethren of the Citie of York haith by one Maister Pecoke, Alderman of the same Citie, humblie sued for licence to carrie over the seas two hundreth fodder of leade [2]growing in the Countie of Yorke and Hallamshier the whiche by restraynte thei cannot nowe presentlie doo ; ye shall understand that the Kings majestie is pleased on the behalf of the said Citie that thei shall notwithstanding the same restreynt be licensed to shipp and carrie oute of the realme two hundreth fodder of leade so the same be of the growthe of the said Counties of Yorke and Hallamshier.

Frome Westminster the last of November 1556.

Your loving freyndes,

W. Wilteshir. T. Warwyk. Bedford.

E. Clynton. T. Wentworth.

A. Wyngfeld. T. Darcy.

[1] On *fo.* 33 is a similar letter sent to the officials of Bulmer Waptentake from Sir Michael Fairfax and other Commissioners.

[2] Lead growing ; a curious use of the word which as a rule is only used for animal or vegetable life.

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fo. 37b. **The Recorders fee withheld. Nightly closing of Bars. Fire dangers. Free dung.**

22 December 4 Edward VI (1550). *Present*—John Lewes, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

In the Counsell Chambre of the Common Hall.

Aggreed that the half yere fee of William Tankerd esquire Recorder of the said Citie of Yorke, dewe at Christmas shalbe steyed and unpayed unto suche tyme he cometh in and accordyng to his promyse made to my Lord Maiour and his Brethren he goith with suche as my seyd Lord shall appoynt to trie and viewe the bunders of this Citie betwene it and Fulforth ; and further that letters shalbe addressyd unto the said Recorder to be at the sayd Citie eyther on Monday or Tuysday next after Christmes day.

It is further aggreed that from hensfurth all the foure barres and posternes of this Citie shalbe nightly shutt at ix of the cloke by the officers of every ward and not opened before fyve of the clok in the mornyng except by commaundment of my Lord Maiour or of thaldermen or some other reasonable cause ; Also it is further aggreed that warnyng be gyven to all theym that have any terre barells lighyng withowte there doores be taken in for this dead tyme of wynter for casualtie of fyre.

Further it is aggreed that the dunge hilles withowte Monk barre and at the Stath and Saynt Leonerd Lendyng with all other places lyegheng to the nusanc be frome hensfurth commen to every persone to take and carie away at their pleasor without any therfor payeng ; and that the old farmers therof shalbe dischordged of ther farmes.

fo. 38b. **Rioters of Heslington and Fulford.**

19 January 4 Edward VI (1550-1). *Present*—John Lewes, Mayor, and 4 Aldermen.

In the Counsell Chambre of Ousebrigg[1]

Thomas Whare, John Wyllyamson, Clement Lambe, John Newsom of Heslyngton, laborours, have humbly submytted theymselfs to thorder and corection of my Lord Maiour of this Citie and other his Brethrene concernyng a ryott by them comytted within the jurisdican of this Cite wherof they stand indyted. It is nowe aggreed that the sayd persons shall stand and abyde at thorder and judgement of Syr Leonard Bekwyth, Knyght, and William Tankard, Recorder, concernyng theyr said offens ; wherunto the said persons hath holly compromytted and sumytted theymselfs ; and the said presens ar contented that in the meane tyme all processe shall cesse concernyng the sayd ryott ageynst

[1] Once again the Council sits in their Chamber on Ousebridge and there they continue. When a meeting is held in the Guildhall it will be mentioned.

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the sayd persons as other thinhabitants aswell of Fulforth as of Heslyngton.

fo. 39. **A favour granted to the Earl of Shrewsbury.**

21 January 4 Edward VI (1550-1). *Present*—John Lewes, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that at contemplacon of the letter of the Erle of Shrewysbury, Lord President of the Kyngs Counsell established in the North parties, in favour of John Skaife, merchaunt, pursevant unto the Kings grace that the sayd Skaife be not chardged with thoffice of brigmaister wherunto he is chosen; wherfor to shewe my sayd Lord President pleasure at his first request it is ordered by all the sayd presens that the said John Skaif in name of his fyne shall put his pledge to render unto my sayd Lords repayer to this Citie in the custody of the Lord Maier or such as he shall appoynt and then the fyne of iiij^{li} for dischardgyng of the sayd office to be mytygated and remytted as my sayd Lord Presydent shall order and award.

fo. 40. **Letter to the Earl of Shrewsbury about the Plague in York.**

Pleasith it your good Lordshipp to be advertised that where we understand yow bearyng fervent zeale and favour towards the poore Citie of York are desyrouse to be certified of the present state therof concernyng the visitacon of God in the same, theis are therfor to ascertayne your said Lordship that lykewise as his godly will hath ben this last yere justly to plague the same, soo nowe olate it hath pleased his mercyfull goodnes to mytigate and withdraw the said scourge; for sithens the fest of His blissed birth last passed there have not died of the plague or otherwise in all the said Citie and suburbs above the number of sex persons and that poore folke and in owte sids of the towne. And as farre as we can knowe there is not at this present not one sike in all the said Citie, lauded be God. And we trust to see suche order kept in the same that it shall soo contynewe by the grace of Allmighty God, whoo long preserve your good Lordship in moche honour with good healthe long to prosper.

From the Citie of Yorke the xijth of January 1550.

Your Lordship to command,

John Lewes, Maiour of the sayd Citie.

fo. 42. **Grant to the Cordwainers.**

3 February 5 Edward VI (1550-1). *Present*—John Lewes, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

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Redd one payre of indentures made betwene the sayd Lord Mayour, Aldermen xxiiij and Commons of thone part and the sersors of the cordyners of thother partie towchyng the grant of serche of blak leader onely and correction of all defalts in their craft, yelding therfor vj^{s} viij^{d} to the Chambre. Aggreed that the said indentures shold be sealed thone part with the seale of office of maioraltie and thother part with the severall seales of the sayd sersors.[1]

fo. 45. **Keeper of the Staith.**

List of poor people to be made. Selling places.

5 February 5 Edward VI (1550-1). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

It was fully aggreed that one dylygent felowe to be named by my Lord Maior shalbe kepar of the Stathe[2] and greeses[3] adjoynyng the same and shall have for his paynes yerely as shalbe thought reasonable by my said Lord.

(*fo.* 45b). Item that streight commandment be gyven to the constables of every parisshe that they have all the poore and impotent folks of their parisshes with the maisters of the beggers before the wardens of every ward viz. Walmegat ward at Saynt George cherch yard ; Bothome ward at the Common Hall ; Mykillgat ward at Trynyties ; Monkgat ward at Saynt Andrewes cherche yard ; tomorowe beyng the vjth of Feb. at ij cloke in after none ; and that the sayd constables bryng with theym a billett of every thar names and how long they have remayned within the Citie; and also what visited people be within their parishes.

Item that the sellars of ootemeale and salt be not suffred frome hensfurth to sell in no place abrode but onely in Thursday markett or ells in ther owne shoppes.

Item that no sellars of apples, nutts, fyggs, cakes, heryngs, eels or such lyke be permytted to sytte and sell theym in no placs abrode in the towne but onely in their own shopps or at there owne dores.

fo. 46. **Arrangements for assistance to plague cases and poor people.**

11 February 5 Edward VI (1550-1). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

The sayd presens dyd take one ordre as well for the releif of all suche as ar vysyted with the plage of pestylence in any place within this Citie and suburbs as also for the releif, help and succour

1 The Indenture is given in full on folios 43 and 43b.

2 here the words "and puddyng" are crossed through.

3 The "greeses" or steps to the river are shewn on plan of York dated 16..... now in the possession of the City.

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of all indigent and poore people and specially suche as ar impotent and not hable to labour—in maner and forme folouyng. That every parisshe within the four wards shold paye wekly towards the releif of the visyted and poor impotent folke of the same wards as they be rated by the sayd presens as hereafter ensewith.

And for the better execucon herof that billetts shalbe made forth to every constable immedyatly of the sayd rats commandyng them to see every honest parochian to a fee assessed that the sayd sommes may be convenyently levied on sonday next comyng and soo forth every sonday unto further ordre be therin taken.

BOTHOME WARD.

Saynt Mychels in the Belfry with Saynt Wylfrids	viij^{s}
St. Helens in Stonegat	ij^{s} viij^{d}
St. Martyns in Coney Stret	iij^{s} iiij^{d}
St. Olaves	ij^{s}
Summa	xvj^{s}

MONK WARD.

Saynt Sampsons	v^{s}
Christs paroche	vj^{s} viij^{d}
Trynities in Godramgat	iij^{s}
S. Maurice	xij^{d}
St. Salvours-with Saynt Andrews	ij^{s}
Allhalows in Peseholme	iiij^{d}
Saynt Cuthberts and Saynt Helens on the Walls	xx^{d}
Summa	xix^{s} viij^{d}

(*fo.* 46b).

WALMEGATE WARD.

Saynt Mychels at Ousebrige	v^{s}
Saynt Marie in Castellgat	iij^{s} iiij^{d}
Allhawlowes of the Pavement with Saynt Peter lane lyttle	iij^{s} iiij^{d}
Crux Paroch	v^{s}
Saynt Dyonyse paroch	iiij^{s}
Saynt Margrets paroch	ij^{s}
Saynt Laurence with Saynt Nycoles paroch	xij^{d}
Summa	xxiij^{s} viij^{d}

MYKLYTHWARD.

Saynt Johns at Ousebrig end	iiij^{s}
Saynt Martyns in Mykilgat	iij^{s}
Trynyties in Mykilgat	iij^{s} iij^{d}
Allhalowes in North street	iiij^{s}
Bysshopps hill thelder with Clementthorpe	xx^{d}
Saynt Maries of newer Bysshophill	xij^{d}
Summa	xvij^{s}

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fo. 47. **Five lusty persons to be chosen as Pioneers.**

7 March 5 Edward VI (1550-1). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor and 7 Aldermen.

There was declared a letter of Commission by the Kyng and his highnes Counsell establisshed in the North parties to my Lord Maiour and Aldermen or three of them directed, yeven under his Gracs signet at his Citie of York the sext of March for and concernyng thappoyntment of fyve of the best and most lusty persons mete to labour and serve his grace as [1]pyoners in his majesty affayers. Wherapon my Lord Maiour and other the sayd presens myndyng to accomplisshe his Gracs pleasure in that behalf with all dylygence and expedicon have called before them emongs others theis persons folowynge whiche they thynk be moste lusty for that purpose ;

Thomas Smyth, laborar ; Richard Johns, laborar	of Saynt Johns paroch at Ouse bryg end.
Raulf Hopperton, laborar Robert Peresone Richard Fyle, laborar	of Saynt Mary in Castlegate.

And by vertue of the sayd Commission have commanded theym to be at Darnton the xvj day of this instant there to mete with Thomas Gower, esquire or his deputie ; and towards their expensis thither there is delyvered them by my Lord Maiour and the said presens every of them xij^{d} a pece in their prest and that apon Thursday next they be before my Lord Mayour ready to marche furthward under the conducton of suche one of theym as my Lord Maiour shall thynk moost honest. At whiche Thursday . . . .[2]

fo. 48. **Millers. The Bakers dozen. Unlawful coverlets.**

10 March 5 Edward vj (1550-1). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Aggreed—first that no maner persone within this Citie frome hensforth shall occupye the craft of mylnars or grynde other mens corne but onely suche as be free within this Citie of the said occupacon.

Item that no mylnar shall bak or brewe to sell but onely for there owne hows use.

Item that from hensforth the bakers suche as be free of bakers craft within this Citie shall not bake after xiij or xiiij to the dowzen for the hukkestars to sell ageyne, but shall put suche advantage in their bread to sell after xij the dowzen.

[1] Pioneers ; a body of foot soldiers who prepare the way for the main force of an army.

[2] Document ends.

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Item where Wilfrid Pyndar, coverlett wevar, was presented by the serchars sworne of that occupacon for havyng and puttyng [1] to lyttyng unlawfull yerne and stuff entendyng to werke and put of heare entendyng to have wrought and put the same in koverletts to the decepit of the King's people, and nowe apon examinacon of the said partie and view of the said stuff it apperith manifestly the said stuff is unlawfull. (*fo.* 48b) Therfor for asmoch as the said Wilfrid hath humbly summytted hymself to abide thorder of the sayd presens and that it was withowt his knowleg it is now aggreed that the said gerne shalbe forfyte and that he shall paye in name of a fyne to the Chambre use vj^{s} viij^{d}.

fo. 49. **Lead removed from Church roofs.**

St. Leonard's landing to be cleaned.

Garland over wine shops.

12 March 5 Edward vj (1550-1). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

Where it was declared that the lead of certayne cherches within this Citie hath ben alate taken downe by the parochians without consent of my Lord Maiour or his Brethren and the same converted to their synguler use ; and more lead of other cherches are soo lyke to be onlesse a good order be herin taken ; wherfor it [is] nowe aggreed that a streight commandement shall be gyven to all parissianors that from hensforth they ne any of theym shall take downe or sell any more of their cherche lead apone peyne to forfeyt the said lead or valewe of the lead soo taken downe to the Chambre.

(*fo.* 49b). Ordered that th officer of Bothome ward shall gett streightways workmen and see Saynt Leonards lendyng clensed and all the fylth there ligheng to be caried away.

It is nowe ordered that no maner person within this Citie shall sell wynes forth of ther howses but they have a garland hangyng up at their doores to thentent the serchars may come thyther from tyme to tyme to serche the wynes and to be contributory to the chargs of the said occupacon.

fo. 50. **Corpus Christi Play. Sheriffs riding.**

23 March 5 Edward vj (1550-1). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the billetts shalbe mayd and delyveryd for the playng of Corpuscrysty play.

Also it is agreyd that the Sheryffs shall ryde uppon Mydsomar day with ther officers and a nombre in harnes, and at other tymes as haith beyn of auncyent tyme accustomyd.

[1] Lyttyng ; dyeing.

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fo. 51. **Deputation to the Archbishop about York Churches and Parishes.**

3 April 5 Edward vj (1551). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 10 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

Apon a declaracon that the lead of dyverse cherches within this Citie have ben alate pulled downe by the parochians of the same cherches and melted and the same cherches thakked ageyne with tyle to the great defacyng of the hole Citie and slaunder of my Lord Maiour and his Brederne; and for so moche as the reformacon herof semyth to be belongyng to thordynarie it is nowe therfor aggreed that twoo of this hows, Maister Hall and Maister Watson, Aldermen, shall with all convenyent spede ride immedyatly to my Lord Archebishop and enforme his grace of the sayd pullyng downe of lead to thentent the sayd Archebisshop may see redresse therin.

Item that the same twoo Aldermen shall also, than and there, break unto my sayd Lord Archebisshop the unyons of certayne cherches within this Citie by late Acte of Parliament.

(*fo.* 50). Furthermore that they shall knowe his graces pleasure concernynge the purchace of Pyke cherche.[1]

(*fo.* 50b). Item for the better preservacon of this Citie from the syknes it is nowe orderyd ther shalbe gevyn to suche power folks as ar or shall frome hensefurth chanse to be vysited for ther sufficyent foode and other necessaries reasonable money by my Lorde Maiour's discression furth of the Common Chambre frome tyme to tyme unto Whitsonday next and that suche vesyted persons be not sufferyd to goo abrode emongs others of a good space after and the Aldermen of every Warde helpe to se the due execucon of the same accordynglie.

Item it is also orderyd that money shalbe gatheryd for the power folks in every paryshe accordyng as they have beyn sessyd of lait; and that none of them shalbe sufferyd to go beggyng abrode in the strets.

fo. 52. **City properties. Pageant money.**

24 April 5 Edward vj (1551). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 9 Aldermen,[2] 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreed that my Lord Maiour with the wardens of Walmgate warde shall call to theym suche auncient and honest persons as they shall seme mete to viewe and take an order concernyng an encrochement made by Maister Langton with makyng of a newe pale upon the common rent adjoynyng to a tenement of his in Fesegate.

[1] St. John del Pike Church in Ogleforth. See *York Civic Records* vol. iv p.

[2] Against the names of two of the Aldermen put down as present is this note "not beyng present at this tyme did afterwards assent to Maister Watson leas."

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Item that certayne old and decayed howses in Castellgate ageynst Fosse on the bakside shalbe taken downe.

Item that Maister Gale shall have certayne pale bourdes nowe in the Redd Tower towards amendyng the common dyke within Monke Barr.

(*fo.* 52b). Alsoo it is aggreed that the inholders, the weavers, drapers, taylours and hosiers shalbe chardged by my Lord Mayour to gather up their pageant money accustomed and to bryng the same and delyver it to my said Lord and be further ordered by hym towards settyng forth of pageanty on Corpus Christi day where he shall see most nede.

Item is aggreed that Maister Watson shall have one leas for terme of xxj yeres of the Olde Bale yeldyng therfor yerely the dew rent xxvj^{s} viij^{d}.

Item that Maister Shadloke shall have one leas made to hym.

fo. 53b. **Ordinance for the Tapiters.**

29 April 5 Edwards VI (1551).

Agreed that an ordynall be maid forth for the craft of the tapytours and that none of theym shall occupie above one lome and to make with it soo moche as he can ; except every of theym may occupie a bedlome besyds thother come unto the next weke. Item that none of theym shall bye within this Citie or suburbes any yerne to sell agayne unwrought.

fo. 54b. **Disrespect to an Alderman.**

12 May 5 Edward vj (1551). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 11 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 9 of the xxiv.

For soomoche that Richard Clidero hath behaved hymself disobedyently and unsyttyngly to Maister John Lewes, one of thaldermen of this Citie, for that he wold not availe his bonet to hym goyng by hym in the street but sayed he wold not cappe to such chorles ; and here nowe examined confesseth in maner the same self wordes and gestoure, sayng openly he called hym chorle and if he had called hym poller[1] he had sayed but truth ; and asked this audiens whether he shold cappe to hym whome he had rader fight with than other wise or whome he cannot love. Therfore it is aggreed that he shalbe bounde to good abearyng and for his offense to be commytted to ward and further to be ordered as my Lord Maiour shall thynke good.

fo. 55b. **Butchers' ordinance.**

13 May 5 Edward VI (1551). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

[1] poller ; an extortioner.

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Agreed that accordyng to an auncient acte and ordre of this Citie no bocher shall hold any closse or closses or any other grassyng within four miles of the Citie apon peyne of xl^{s} for every closse: and also suche of the sayed butchers as nowe have or hold any suche closse or grassyng shall avoyde and depart frome the same before the fest of the Annunciacon of our Lady next commyng apon peyne of x^{li} for every such closse or grassyng; provyded allwayes that every the sayd bochers may hold or occupie one lytyll close or grassyng within the sayed compasse of xx^{s} yerely rent or under.[1]

fo. 57. **Corpus Christi Festivities curtailed.**

25 May, vigil of Corpus Christi 1551. *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff.

Aggreed that for soo moche as the syknes hath ben latly within this Citie and to avoyde occasion of lyke this somar by reason of confluence and blyndyng togiders of every sort of people at this Corpus Christi playe with long taryeng about it, no more pagiants shalbe played thys yere but in tenne certayne stations, that is to say; in Mykilgate ageynst Heryson doore; item ageynst the three Kyngs; item at my Lord Mayor doore; fourthly at Martyn Metcalf dore in Conystreet; fyftly at the Common Hall gates; sextly ageynst Maister Hartley in Staynegate; seventhly at the Mynster gates; eightly at Maister Gates door; ix^{ly} at Goodromgate head; and last in the Pavement.

fo. 58. **New Coroner chosen.**

8 June 5 Edward VI (1551). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that forsomoche as thoffice of one of the Coronars is nowe by reason of the death of Myles Newton, late one of the Coronars of the sayed Citie, voide; that accordyng to the Kyngs wrytt of *Coronatori eligendo* one other shalbe chosen, the sayd presens hath thought Thomas Fale, Common Clerk, to be a man hable and mete for the sayd office, whome they nowe have named and chosen.

Item that the spurriours and lorymars of this Citie shall have their ordynaunes reformed and emend in certayne poyntz.

fo. 59. **Renewal of the Plague; fresh ordinances.**

26 June 5 Edward VI (1551). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 11 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

[1] For butchers pasturage see *York Civic Records* vol. 1, p. 33; vol. iii, p. 172.

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Aggreed that for soo moche as the sykenesse haith nowe latly renewed in some parts of this Citie and specially of the weast side of Ouse and is feared to encrease onlesse bettar ordre be not herin had; it is therfor ordered that all suche persons as be or herafter shall chanse to be vysited shall kepe theym quyetly in their dwellyng howses wyth their doores shutt and not to goe forth of theym of a good space after by discrecon of my Lord Maiour or the wardens of that ward; and that durynge that tyme victuill and other necessaries to be conveyed and sett at thare doores by certayn persons to be therunto appoynted by the wardens; and if suche visited be poore folks then money to be debursed of the Chambre; and apon every doore of suche visited howses a redde crosse shall be made to thentent that all strangers and others may knowe that hows and avoyde it.

And for good ordre of the poore and impotent folke to be lykewise had they shall also kepe theym at home in their houses and not to goe abeggyng abrode; but that money shalbe gathered weekly of every the honest inhabitants of this Citie, every paroche accordyng to the rate therof made by the sayd presens the xjth of February last; and billetts to be made forth to every constable and cherchwardens of every paroche for to ratyng every persone and gatheryng of the same accordingly.

(*fo.* 59b). Item that the maister of the beggars of Mykillyth ward shall dylygently watch and kepe Ousebrig and see that no beggars nor vysyted folke passe not over nor come forth of Mykylgate ward to any other part of the Citie; and if he chanseth to be slak therin then an other to be appoynted therto.

Item that on Saturday at night next commyng watche shalbe kept nightly by iiij honest watchmen in every warde of this Citie accordyng to the Kings statuts and old ordynancs of this Citie to begynne where they last leaft.

fo. 59b. **Ordinances of the Tailors and Drapers.**

[1] Mem. that theis ordynaunes of taylors and drapers herafter folowyng were fully perused, examined, argued, ratified, confirmed and by all aggreed the xxvij of Octobr 6 Edward VI by the right worshipfull Richard White, Maiour and his Brethren and xxiiij then assembled with consent of all the occupacons of taylours and drapers then present in the Counsell Chambre apon Ouse brigg, as by the book of Acts of the sayed Maiour may playnly appere.

(*fo.* 60). Theis are the ordynaunes made by thassent and advise of John Lewes, Richard White, William Harper, Robert Broddib, Richard Clidderowe, Gefferaye Williamsone, William Pulleyard, Richard Callome, who haith beine Maisters of the

[1] This approval was added a year later than the ordinances.

For earlier ordinances see *York Memorandum Book* 1, p. 99, for ordinances of 1384; *York Civic Records* II. 90 for 1492.

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companye or feloshipe of taillors and drapers within the Citie of Yorke, and also Mathew Herteley who now ys Maister of the sayd feloshipe and companie, and William Barker, John Pullay, Robert Bebbowe and Robert Gilfilds, searchers of the sayd feloshipe and companie in the tyme of the right worshipfull Thomas Apilyearde, Maiour of the Citie of Yorke in the fyft yere of the reigne of Edward the sexte ; to take effecte yerlye hereafter at the first entre of the maister of taillors and serchors for the yere chosson whiche ordinaunces the xxvjth day of June in the year afforsayd was exhibited unto the forsayd Thomas Apilyeard beynge Maiour of the sayd Citie of York, Aldermen etc. (*fo.* 60b) and ther and then it was determyned that the articles hereunder written and the ordinaunces hereafter folowynge at the humble sute and requyst of the above named masters taillors and other good men of the craftes and occupacons of drapers and taillors within this Citie for the publyke welthe of the Kingis pepell and worship of this Citie and honestye of the sayd crafts and occupacons shalbe regestred and annexide to other auncient ordinaunces of the sayd crafts and occupacons fermelye hereafter to be observide and kepte.

In primis that every yere in the feast of the Nativitie of Sancte John Baptyst that the forsayd maister and searsors with other of their crafts and feloshipe shall assemble themselfes together in a convenient place and their and then for the publyke welthe of the Citie and honesty of the crafts and occupacons shall yearlye electe and chuse one honest person, free of the sayd crafts, to be maister of the sayd feloshipe and four searsors accordynge to their olde auncient costome; and the sayd maister for the tyme beynge so chosen to execute (*fo.* 61) and occupie his office accordyngly as they heretofor haith beine accustomyd; and the foure seasours shall honest[L]y and truly search and see and examine the sayd crafts and the defaltes founde emonge theym to presente to the Maiour of the said Citie and by his advyse and the advice of the sayd foure searchors the sayd defalts to be punyshed and amended after the quantitie of the trespas, and yf any man of the sayd crafts and feloshipe be warned by the sayd searsors for to come to the Taillours hall or other place for any poynte that towchis the sayd crafts and withdraw hym or absente hym and wyll not come he shall paye viij^{d} to the said searsors as oft tymes as he trespasythe in that poynte but yf he have a cause of resonable excuse; and further yt shalbe leafull to the sayd maister for the tyme beynge to cause his companie and feloship to be assembled in ther Hall at any tyme or tymes convenient or shalbe thowght to hym expidyent for good and quyet order to be hade and kepte emongs thyme and for the good observinge of theis articles and ordinaunces.

Item yt is ordenide and establyshed that the sayd searshors shall gether every yere throughe the Citie thacustomed pagyant

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sylver of every person of the sayd craft as well strangers as others at the feast of *Corpus Christi* and make all the costs and expenses for the upholdynge and manntenynge of their pagiants and therof accompte unto the Maister within iij wekes nexte folowinge the feast of *Corpus Christi* upon payne of leisynge x^{s}.

Item yt is ordyned and establyshed by thauctoritie aforsaid that yf yt happen anie person hereafter to be chosen and electe maister of taillors by the feloshipe and companye in maner aforsayd and after the electon so made and done do refuse to stonde to occupie the sayd office for that year folowing (*fo.* 61b) shall forfait and lose xl^{s}; and every searsor that shalbe electe and chosen and doth lykewis refuse to occupie that office shall loyse x^{s}; the forfatours to goo thone half to thuse of the Chamber and thother half to the occupacons to be imploede to the relief of the poor artificers of thos occupacons at the discretion of the maister and searshors and in every suche cais the companie and feloship to assemble theym selfs together at convenient tyme and place and there and then to goo and prosede to a newe election.

Item yt ys ordenede that no maister taillour shall procuer nor intise no servaunte of another mayster afore that he be departed frome his maister that he haithe served to the ende of his terme betwixte him and his sayd maister aggreed; and that no taillour sett upe ne occupye as a maister in the crafte and feloshipe aforsaide withoute he be admytted soo to doo by the four searshers aforsayd accordinge as heretofor yt haith bene accustomed; and yf any suche maister be founde in anie defaulte by the four searshers afforsaid at the first tyme he shall forfaite iij^{s} iiij^{d} at the secunde tyme vi^{s} viij^{d} and at the third tyme his borde shalbe taken upp and indentur shalbe rased.

Item yt is ordened and establysshed that every prentyshe that haith trewly servide his maister to the ende of his terme accorded betwyxte him and his sayd maister shalbe admitted to be a free sewer by the maister soo that he paye vj^{d} for pagiante money beffore.

Item yf anie maister taillour or any other taillor what soever he be that lyethe any garmente, cloth or other stoff of any good mans in wodde for any cause or be convicted of anie concylment or with drowinge of any cloithe of any person he shall forfaite xx^{s} (*fo.* 62).

Item that no maister taillour gyve no garment nor no clothe to wyrk to no servaunts of another maister taillor afore that he be clearlye departed owte of the servic of his first and yf any taillor dothe contrary and therapon be attaented at every tyme that he soo doith he shall paye iij^{s} iiij^{d} and that no maister hyer no servaunte to wirk in no chamber, pryvyly or openlye but yf he make the four searsours to have knowledge thereof upon payne of iij^{s} iiij^{d}.

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Item that no maister taillor taik no apprentice to serve him not for lesse terme than vij yeares apon payn of vj^{s} viij^{d}.

Item yf yt happen any complainte to be maid of anie garment brought affor the sayd four searchers for to searche after that yt be wrought that then the maker of the sayd garment shalbe brought afore the sayd searshers for the lowsinge of the sayd garment and yf the same garment may be mended of the same stuffe then he shall have it againe for to mend and he shall sett suertie to bringe againe the same garment affore the sayd searshers and yf yt cannot be amended of the same stuffe then the pairtye that owit ys to be recompensed for yt at the syght of the maister and searshers.

Item that no maister taillor withoulde the hier of his servaunte that is dewe and clear dett over a certayne day of paimente accorded betwixt his maister and him; and yf he wyll not pay nor agree with hym and the sayd servaunte maike yt to be knowen to the sayd four searshers then they shall maike the sayd servaunte to be payed and the sayd maister shall forfaite ij^{s}; and yet nevertheles he shall agree with the sayd servaunte for his duetye. And that no man of the said crafts maike anie disturbance or rescuwes against the sayd searshers or any of theym in doinge of their office in profittinge or amendinge of the sayd craft in artycles and poyntes in this ordinary contened but that he be amercied at every tyme to iij^{s} iiij^{d}.

(*fo.* 62b). Item that none of the sayd searshers maik any extorcion in their gederinge but suche as they answere of to the sayd maister and therof yeld accompte to the sayd crafte and yf any doo the contrary of that pointe and tharopon be convicte he shall lois and pay xx^{s}.

Item that no servaunte of the sayd craft take ne allowe any other servaunte under hym for to wyrke in the sayd craft as longe as he standes in degree of a servaunte upon paine of loisinge iij^{s} iiij^{d}.

Item yt is ordened and establyshed by thauctoritie aforsayd that when any foren or straunge taillor commythe newly to the Citye that no maister of the sayd craft allowe hym nor sett hym to work above xiiij dayes excepte he have payed vj^{s} to the searshers and be admitt free sewer but yf that he to serve hym for iij yeares for his allowinge; and that the sayd foren shall knowe at his beginynge the certaine of salarye for the year ensuinge and that the sayd maister that doithe the contrary of this ordenaunce shall lois and paye xxvj^{s} viij^{d} as oft tymes as he doithe in forme afforsayd.

Item that no straunger nor no servaunte of the sayd craft sewe in no place but onely in the shopp of a maister taillour of the Citie upon payne of iij^{s} iiij^{d} to be payed at every tyme that he shalbe founde defectyve in this ordynaunce in the forme aforsayd but yf soo be that he wold be fraunchesyd.

Item it ys ordenid and established by thauctoritie aforsayd that from the feast of Sancte Martin in wynter next ensuinge no

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foren draper or any other person beinge unfraunchesed that costomable usythe to bringe to the Citie wollen clothe to sell by retaile frome the sayd feast of Sancte Martyn forward (*fo.* 63) go hawking with their clothe within this City or suburbis of the same but that they bringe suche wollen clothe as they have unto the Thursday market or Common Hall within this Citie and then lay yt upon tables or stalles or otherwise and to sell yt in grosse or by retaill as theym pleas to thentent that the searshers within this Citie shall resorte, vewe and searche all suche wollen cloithes whether they be able and wett soo that the Kings people be not deceyved by the sayd forens as in being unable and unwett cloithe for able and wett cloithe; and yf any foren be found hawkinge and sellinge or proferynge to sell or retaille any wollen cloithe in any other place within this Citie or suburbis of the same but in the same Thursday markett or Common Hall or yf that anie foren be found sellinge unable and unwett cloithe for able and wett cloithe that then the forren seller to forfaite all the cloithe so sould or profered to be sould.

Item that the sayd forens that customable comythe to this Citie to sell wollen cloithe by retaill bringe all their cloithe or clothes to the sayd Thursday markett or Common Hall as is befor sayd and not to leave theym in their innes, logings or other placis and after bringe theym forthe by percellis upon payn of forfatour of xl^{d} as ofte tymes as any of theym is found defectyve.

Item that Kendaill men that bringyth wollen clothe to this Citie to sell from hensforth they sell in grosse in the sayd Thursday markett or Common Hall and not to goo hawkynge and sell in any other place upon paine of forfature of their cloith as is above-sayd provyded allwais that theis ordinaunces aforsayd or any article of the same be not prejudiciall ne hinderinge to any husbandman or other poor creature of the cuntree being unfrenchesid that maketh a pece or ij of wollen clothe in a pease within his oune house and bringethe to this Citie to sell the sayd cloyth or cloithes by retaill upon the (*fo.* 63b) Pavement or in any other place within the Citie and suburbs of the same theis ordinaunces or any artycle therof notwithstandyng soo that every person that sellyth any wollen cloithe by retaill or in grosse and havinge over three yeards of brode cloithe and sex yeards of narrowe pay yearly pagiante sylver unto the pagiant maisters and searshers of the said crafts and occupacons of drapers and taillors as haithe beine accostomed of auncient tymes heretofore.

Item it is ordened that the one half or moytie of all and singular the forsayd soms of money or clothe hereafter to be forfated or loste by reson of breakinge of any of the articles above-mencioned shall dyssend and come yearly as they happen to the Common Chamber of this Citie of Yorke and thother half or moite to the maister and searshers of the crafts and occupacons of maister

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drapers and taillors and the sayd maisters to imploye and bestowe the same in the reparacons of their Hall, relief of poor people and decaeid persons of their occupacons accordynge to the auncient custome by theym heretofore usyed.

Item it is ordened for the better observinge and kepienge of all tharticles above written that the maister and searchours yearly at their first entrynge shall take a corporall oythe accordingly as they heretofore of auncient tyme have accostomyd and that yt shalbe leafull to the sayd maister and searsors for the tyme beynge for the better observing and kepinge of afforsayd artycles and for quyetnes to be kept emongs theym to take a corporall oythe of all others whiche hereafter shalbe admitted or receyvede by theym into their feloship and craft before theyre sayd admissions.

(*fo.* 64). Item yf ther fortone to be any stoborne or obstinate person of the forsayd crafts beinge of the feloshipe that wyl not be ordered by the sayd maister and searshers for the year being and therof complainte made by the sayd maister to the Lord Maiour for the yeare being shall forfate and loise x^{s} to be devided as is afforsayd and yet nevertheles shalbe punished at the discreceon of the sayd Lord Maiour.

fo. 64b. **Ordinances of the Ropers and Turners.**

Ordynaunces of the ropars and turners, hayresters, seviors and bullars of the sayd Citie were lykewise perused, allowed, ordyned and establisshed the day and yere aforesayd by the sayd presents on the humble sewte and request of the good men of the sayd crafts for worship of the Citie, profitt of the Kyngs people and avancement of the sayd crafts in forme following.

First it is ordeyned that no maister of the sayd crafts take any apprentice for lesse terme then seven yeares upon payne of losinge xiij^{s} iiij^{d}. And yf it chance the maister of suche apprentice to dye within the sayd terme of vij yeres that then the sayd apprentice may serve up his yeres with what other maister of that occupacion he will within this Citie.

Item that no straunger that usyth to bringe any thinge to the Citie to sell belongyng to the sayd crafts beyng ones warned shall not goo hawkinge abowte ne sell the same nor profer any of it to sell befor they come at the open markett of the sayd Citie upon payne of xx^{d}.

Item that the saied turnars, hayresters, syviars and bullars of the said Citie be contributorie and pay pagiant sylver to the sayd ropers for bryngynge forth of ther pagiant at *Corpus Christi* and all other aswell free as foreyn that occupie any thinge belongyng to the sayd crafts within this Citie, every of theym accordyng to the quantitie of their occupinge withoute gayne apon payne of xx^{d}.

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(*fo.* 65). Item bycause at this present there ar but fewe in numbers of all the said occupaccons it is therfor further ordeyned that twoo of the most expert of any of the sayd crafts be appointed serchars for all the sayd crafts, and to be yerely chosen the mondday next after Saynt James day thapostell to occupie the yere than next to come ; and yf one of the sayd crafts rebelle or be disobedient to the sayd serchers then he to forfait vj^{s} viij^{d}.

Item that noe maister of the sayd crafts worke or suffer to be wrought in noe maner of thear worke any maner of stuff but suche as is good, mete and habell stuff by oversyght of the sayd serchars and if any maister aforsayd doeth or suffer to be done the contrary then he to forfaite vi^{s} viij^{d}.

fo. 66. **St. Anthony's Hall.**

1st July 5 Edward VI (1551). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

In the Counsail Chamber of the Common Hall. Aggreed that my Lord Maiour and his Bretherne on fryday next in the mornyng betwene vj and vij of the clok shall assemble at Saynt Anthonyes there to consult and take order concernyng the same.

fo. 67. **Depreciation of the Coinage.**

Disobedience of the Sheriffs.

10 July 5 Edward VI (1551). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv. Aggreed that for asmoch as yesterday it was proclamed that immedyatly after the same proclamacon made the pece of coyne called the shillynge shold be currant, receyved and payed but onely for ix^{d} and the grote but for iij^{d}. The Chamberlaynes accompts therfor of this Citie shall be perused, cast and noted what money they have receyved before the sayd day and also what they have payed and a billet therof to be made by the Common Clerk delyvered to my Lord Maiour to thintent that neyther the sayed Chamberlaynes nor yet the Chamber shall susteyne ne doe any losses by reason of any receipts on payments made before the sayd ixth day.

For soo moche as Parsyval Crawforth and Ed(ward) Grenebery, nowe Shireffs of this Citie, hath disobeyed and refused to fullfyll the aggreement and ordre of my Lord Maiour and his Bretherne made in this hous the xxiij^{d} of Marche and also my sayed Lord Maiours speciall commandement to theym made sythens apon payne of x^{li} a pece, that thay shold have rydden apon myddsomer even, Corpus Christi day and Saynt Petre even, with their officers and a nombre in harnes to see the Kings pease kept, accordyng to the laudable custome of this Citie, and hath not soo done contrary to their dewties; it is therfor ordred that eyther of theym shall paye x^{li} a pece for their sayd contempt and disobedyens to thuse of the Chamber.

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fo. 68. **Repair of St. Anthony's Hall.**

13 July 5 Edward VI (1151). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv. Aggreed that for soo much as my Lord Maiour and certayne of his Brethren assembled at Saynt Anthonyes and there apon dylygent vewe therof founde moche decay of the sayd hows and that it is lyke to fall doune shortly except moche cost of reparacons be made on the same it is nowe therfor ordered with the hole consent of the Common Counsell here present that bothe sydes of the sayd Saynt Anthonyes hous covered with lead shalbe taken doune and the lead and tyle therof to be converted to the common profit and towards reparacons of the rest of the sayed hous to be made up with sufficient walles and tyled for the poore folk to dwell in and for a common scole or other common profit of the Citie.

16 July 5 Edward VI (1551).

fo. 69. It was certified by the Common Counsell that there wilbe gyven xl^{s} by yere for Saynt Anthonyes hous in Horsfayer and stand to reparacons soo that certayne lytle garthes adjoynyng to the same nowe in the tenure of severall persons not amountyng above xiiij^{s} by yere may be parcell therof and lessed togyder with it.

fo. 70. **Tapiters' ordinances.**

14 August 5 Edward VI (1551). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 2 of the xxiv.

Tholde ordynauncs[1] of the tapitours were openly redde to the said presens who apon dyligent examinacon and debatyng of every article of the same have nowe ordered, emended and confirmed their sayed ordynauncs as may appere in the olde Registre of the same. Further with the hole consent of the sersours and maisters of the sayed occupacon for the better advauncement of the sayed occupacon, worship of the Citie and profit of the Kings people, devysed and ordeyned certayne other articles to be added to and putt into the ordynall as folowing. First that they kepe their assise of lengh and brode accordyng to thact of Parliament therof latly made.

Item that no maister of the sayed craft worke or suffer to be wrought in none of the sayed assises any other stuffe but hable and good made of warpe and wolle, merchant ware, by the oversight of the sersors ; and any maister that doeth suffre the contrary to forfayt xl^{s}. Item that any maister at his takyng a prentice shall present hym unto the Maiour and Chamberlaynes for the tyme beyng and there he shalbe entred in their boke payeng therfor iiij^{d}. Item that no maister bye any colored yarne nor any blake

[1] 14th century ordinances of the tapiters are to be found in *York Memorandum Book* I. 84-6.

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warpe but he shall present it unto the sersors for the craft within a day after his byeinge in payne of forfayting xl^{s}.

(*fo.* 70b). Item that no maister shall beme[1] or suffre to be bemed any peces knytte . . . dight within his hous on the sonday opon payne of forfatyng vj^{s} viij^{d}.

Item that no maister hier any stranger habled without knowlege of the searchers or Lord Maiour.

Item that no man from hensforth shall work any colored yarne but he shall paye pagiant money to the sayed craft of tapitours. Item that all coverletts, tapetts and other stuff wrought by the sayd tapitours shalbe fyrst dewly serched and sealed by theyr sayd serchers before yt bee putt to sale upon peyne of forfayture of every suche thing putt so to the sale contrary this ordynaunce to thuse of the Chambre ; and that the sayd serchers shall come from tyme to tyme yerely to the Chambre for scales of leade, to pay in hand for every dowzen . . . . . [2]

Item that every maister of the sayd craft shall have and use a severall and proper marke to himself whiche he shall sett and worke in every suche peace of stuff as he shall make to be kenned from others upon payne of xij^{d} for every suche peace wantyng his sayd marke and that the patirne of every theire sayd severall marke shalbe presented on Use bryge and their entred on the Chamberlaynes booke from tyme to tyme.

Item yf the sayed serchers and wardens for the tyme beinge frome hensfurth do permitt or willingly suffer to be done any act or thing contrary to any thordynaunc above wrytten and the same doo not dewly and trewly present frome tyme to tyme according to the tenour of the same and that dewly proved they to forfayt duoble penaltye of every suche offence.

fo. 72. **The Smiths fined. Guild lands.**

St. Anthony's in the Horsefair.

4 September 5 Edward VI (1551). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

Upon examynacon of the serchers and certayne of thoccupacon of the smiths of this Citie it was sufficiently proved that the sayed sersors and smythes have of late convented and made an unlawfull aggrement and acte emongs theym selfs that none of theym shold sell or take for horshoys under iij^{d} a pece and every remove j^{d} ageynst the common wealth. It is nowe therfore aggreed that all the sayed occupacon shall paye in maner of a fyne xiij^{s} iiij^{d} to be sessed and levied of every of theym which were privay to the sayed unlawfull acte. And that from hensfurth they doe never consent nor make any unlawfull acte or ordynaunce emongs theymselfs, but that every of theym shall sell and utter there wares

[1] To "beme" cloth is to stretch it over a beam.
[2] Blank.

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and workmanship as they and theyr chapmen shall aggree at ther pleasure apon payne of xl^{s}.

Item that my Lorde Mayour shall call before hym all the tenaunts belongyng to the late gilde of S. Christofer and S. George to shewe befor hym suche leases as they have of their tenements and houses belongyng to the sayd lait gilde.

(*fo.* 72b). Robert Manne and Richerd Barye, bargeman, twoo of the Common Counseill, offred to gyve xl^{s} for the tymber, tyle and other stuff of Saynt Antonys Chappell in the Horsfayre and to leave a sufficient wall towards the hie strete and to pay xl^{s} by yere for the howse and other gardyns therunto belongyng[1].

(*fo.* 73). Item for soo moche as the office of keper of the Staith for ryngage and passage of corne under Ouse brige with other dewties is nowe voyd, it is agreyd that William Manne shall have the said office, whome they thynke a man mete therefor.

Item that John Smyth, tanner, one of the mower masters, shall oversee the works of reparacons to be mayd uppon Lathrop brige.

fo. 74. **Spreading false news about debasing of money.**

11 September 5 Edward VI (1551). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

My Lord Mayour declared that an untrewe and slanderouse rumour within theis three dayes was rysen and spredde abrode in this Citie concernyng a further abacyng of testons[2] contrarie to the Kyngs gracs proclamation, in that case latly made; he therfor for avoyding further inconvenyence forthwith caused diligent inquyrie to be made for tryeng owte the authour and first begynnar of the said perylous rumour and soo ernestly procedyng at last founde owt that one John Barker, gentleman, had sent a letter to William Gibson of this Citie, beyng his broder in lawe, certifieng hym the sayed testons wold be cryed doune. And now the sayed Gibson personally apperyng and demanded of the saied letter forthwith confessed he had sente one in dede, and immedyatly toke it forth of his purse and delyvered it to my Lord Maiour, whoo caused the same to be openly redde by the Common Clerke; the tenor of whiche letter herafter enseweth, worde by worde—

Brother Gebeson, pray yow dellyver the brenger herof hall the mona that ye have for he most paye yt, for testons is cried dow[n]e in London and woll be cried at York to mora; thar is a prokelemason come to waderbe[3]; I sait I pray you mak the

1 This offer was accepted and they were granted a lease for 21 years. St. Anthony's had been a small hospital at the N.E. end of Gillygate.

2 Testons, the equivalent of a shilling, were debased to 6d. and were called in in 1548; those still remaining in circulation depreciated further in value.

3 To waderbe—this is the spelling in the original.

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spede ye cane to paye it to the bryngar herof and yf ye howe anie mona pay yt thes nyght. I pray you be with me on Thorsday by vij of the clokk and breng with you a dossen rabbetts of the best you can gett and ye shall be payed for the same. By me John Barker.

And after the sayed letter redde the sayed Gebeson examyned what tyme the sayed letter was delyvered hym and by whome, he answered, on tewysday last beyng the viij^th^ of September at vj of the clokk at after none by his sayed broder servant and that unsealed; and further questeyened whois hand he thought it was—sayed it was his sayed brother owne hand; and further shewed that within an hower next after the receipt of the sayed letter, delyvered (*fo.* 74b) it to Robert Barker, one of my Lord Maiour serjants that his boye myght reade it; and the next day rode to his sayed broder in lawe and came not home agayne unto yester night beyng Thorsday. And for so moche as it is thought that unto such tyme it be knowne what the sayed John Barker can allege and saye for hymself herin the sayed Gebeson ought not to be quyet herof; he is therfor nowe enjoyned by my sayed Lord Maiour to be forth commyng at all tymes within the sayed Citye when he shalbe sent for to make answer further what soo ever shall chanse to be layed to his chardge.

Item it is aggreed that for soo moche the sayed Robert Barker is one of the Comon Officars of this Citie and havyng the sayed letter soo delyvered unto hym to be redde it cannot be supposed but he had knowlege of the contents of the same and that by dyverse presumptions; he therfor shall forthwith be commytted to prysone there to remayne unto further order shalbe taken by my Lord Maiour.

More over bycause the sayed John Barker gent is not dwellyng within the liberties of this Citie it is therfore aggreed that a letter shalbe devysed by my Lord Maiour in all there names to be sent with all spede to the Vice president of the Kyngs Counsell in thies north parties togiders with the sayed letter of John Barker therin closed to thintent they may tak suche further order ageynst the same John as seme to theym to stand with equite and justic[1].

fo. 77b. **St. Saviour's Church repairs. Toll dishes.**

St. Christopher's Chapel.

15 October 5 Edward VI (1551). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

The sersours of the wrights and tylars shalbe sworne to mak serche apon the workmanship of Saynt Savyours church and in whois defalt the same is demyed and to present the offenders therin to my Lord Maiour and his Brethern.

[1] This Letter follows.

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Item that there shalbe newe tolle disshes made and sealed for the corne meal markett in the Pavement whereof sextene disshes to conteyne a pecke according as hath bene used.

(*fo.* 78). Item that Maister North, Maister Beane, Maister Holme and Maister White shall with as convenient spede as may be viewe Saynt Christopher Chapell and other the houses of the same at the Comon Hall beynge nowe voide, and than to make report to my Lord Mayour and his brethern that ordre maye be taken for the same to be lessed and repayred for the most advauntage of the Chamber.

fo. 80. **Outbreak of Sweating Sickness.**

27 October 5 Edward VI (1551). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that for soomoche as a sykenesse hathe bene the most part of this yere on the west side of Ouse and many therof dead whiche is nowe perceyved to be a kynd of plague and swyttyng and is feared to sprede further in other partes of the Citie onlesse good order be taken herin it is therfor nowe aggreed that suche howses as be already visited in any part of this Citie shall kepe theym selfs quyetly in their howses and not goe abrode emongs other by the space of three weeks after any such dye ; and suche of theym as be poore folke shall duryng the same tyme be provyded of releif by discreccon and charitable order of the wardens of their ward.

Item that the poore folks shall not be suffred to goe beggyng abrode in the Citie but onely in thier owne warde ; and further shall abide suche ordre in that behalf as shall be thought best by discreccon of the wardens and that thofficers commande every constable of the sayd Citie every one to gyve warnyng within his rowme every of the sayd syke folk and beggars to kepe the sayed ordre.

fo. 80b. **Regulations for the Sweating Sickness.**

3 November, 5 Edward VI (1551). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that my Lord Maiour, Maister Hekkylton, Maister Beane, Maister Lewes and others shall goo thorro Myklithward and to declare ther mynde and commandement for the good orderyng of those that be visyted with the playge for the savegard of this Citie.

Agreyd that the constables in every parisshe in Myklithward shall two of them attend every day at Owsebrige end for to se that no vesytt folks passe over the said brygg for any forther infectyng of the same Citie and the said Constables to have every day for their paynes iiij^{d} a pece of the Common Chamber duryng the tyme of their attendance.

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fo. 81. **Proposed visit of the Queen Dowager of Scotland.**

12 November 5 Edward VI (1551). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 5 of the xxiv.

It was declared by my Lord Maior that he had receyved in post the King's majesty letter from the Lord President and his Counsell concernyng preparacon of lodgyng, horses and decent enterteynment for the Quene Dowager of Scotland who purposeth to see this Citie in the way goyng home into Scotland. And soo after the sayd letter openly redde and deliberacon taken it was first ordered that a letter shalbe made in all ther names to the Sherif of Shire to have perfect word from hym of the tyme of her Gracs repayer to the said Citie and with what trayne and for his advice for preparacon of lodgyng and other enterteynment as besemeth for hyr Grace.

fo. 81b. After our right herty commendacons; forasmoche as the Quene Dowager of Skotland presently purposith unto the Citie of York wher she intendeth to lye tomorowe at night and to remayne there all Sonday, hir pleasur is to be lodged nigh the Mynstar, wherfor we have wrytten this letter herin closed to Maister Rokeby and others for the leavyng of their howsez for that tyme. Wherfor we pray you repaire unto theym and take order togaders that the said Quene and her ladies may be furnysshed there with xxx beddes and that Therle of Cassells and others lords may be lodged at Maister Martyns, Maister Standevens and suche other howses there abowts as are not nigh the plaics infected with the plague. And for the furnyture of the trayne ye must prepare one hundred horses and xij cariags to be in a redynes and that no taryeng nor lakk be therof. Thus trusting ye will use suche diligence herin as apperteyneth we bydd you hartely farewell. At Pountfret in haist this fryday at nyght the xiijthj of November 1551. For that we suppose it will be late before she come therefore we thynk it good ye shall prepare some lights in redynes to convey her through the Citie to her logyng.

Your Lordshipps assuryd,

G. Tallbot Knt.

Leonard Bekwith. Thomas Gargrave.

fo. 82. **Present for the Queen Dowager.**

14 November 5 Edward VI (1551). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, and 6 others.

It was agreyd that certayne mayne bread, wyne and other spyc suche lyke as latly was presented to the Marstre of Bayne shall be bought by the Chambalayns of the common cost and than presented in my Lord Maiour, his Brethern and Comonaltie name of this Citie to the Quene Dowager of Scotland.

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fo. 84. **Fish regulations. Obstructing a Constable.**

26 November 5 Edward VI (1551). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that every fyssher of this Citie brynging any fyshe to this Citie shall stryke all there fyshe uppon there owen wyndow and if he chaunce to have three loode than to cutt one there at the least and if he have more then to cutt more and if he have lesse then cutt lesse according to that rayt.

Item that there shall none by any fishe in gross by lodes to sell againe uppon payne of vj^{s} viij^{d} ever tyme so offendyng.

Item that none shall by no fyshe in the sayd markett to sell agayn in the same markett but that the fyssher may hier a woman to cutt furth there fysshe for there wages and not other wayse uppon payn of iij^{s} iiij^{d} *tociens quociens.*

Item it is agreed that for so muche as Robert Harpar and hys fellos beyng now in prison at my Lorde Maior comandement for that they obstynately withstode and thretenyd the constable and common officer of this Citie in executyng his commandement for the good order concernyng a syke and impotent persone within this Citie and also for an unlawfull assemblie, doo nowe wylfully refuse (*fo.* 84b) to be bound for good aberyng from thensforth agaynst my Lorde Maior, his Brethren and other the Kings officers of this Citie they shall therfore remayn styll in prisonne untyll they willingly fynd surtie to my said Lord Maior for good abearyng.

fo. 85. **Wine prices.**

11 December 5 Edward VI (1551). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

Ordered that no wyntenor of the Citie doo sell malmesey above vj^{d} the quart apon [payne] of forfayture of xij^{d} a pece and gascoigne wyne above xij^{d} the galon apon lyke payne.[1]

fo. 88. **Lease of buildings near the Guildhall.**

21 January 5 Edward VI (1551-2). *Persent*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that George Cooke shall have a leas of a stone hous called Seynt Georgs[2] late Chapell and other the buyldyngs therunto adjoynyng unto the Comon Hall and also of the common kychen there from Candlemas next unto thend of xlj yeres yeldyng therfor xx^{s} by yere provyded allwaye that my Lord Maiour and his Brethren shall have the saide kychen at their fests or other dayes accustomed.

[1] On top of folio 85b are the words "Mem. to remember the matter of the Vycarr of Saynt Lawrance."

[2] This is a mistake for St. Christopher's chapel. The full name of St. Christopher's Guild was the Guild of St. Christopher and St. George.

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Holgate's School; the Treasurer's House.

fo. 89b and 90 is a grant (in Latin) from the Mayor and Commonalty of York, for the sum of 5£ received from Archbishop Holgate, of the church known as Pykechurch. Boundaries; on the South the Kings highway, on the North a common sewer called the Kings sewer by the City walls, on the East a certain house called Le Skolehowse of the Free Grammar School[1] of the said Archbishop; on the West a certain tenement of the said Archbishop called Les Treasurer Howse.

fo. 95. **Precautions against infection. Various City regulations.**

5 February, 6 Edward VI (1551-2). *Present*—Richard White, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Aggreed for a good ordre to be had within this Citie ageynst the sykenesse that the constables of every paroche with ij of the honest and discrete men of the same (Aldermen and the xxiiij except) to be wekely by course appoynted, shall by their best meanes and discreccons see that suche as herafter chanse to be visyted in any their parich kepe in their howses and not goe abrode emongs the holle; and also shall see that they have releif and all necessaries brought to their doares, and if suche persons visited be hable than that to be done of theire owne costs; but if they be poore and not hable that than money shall be gathered for theym of the charitie of the parochians by discreccon of the wardens of thar warde.

Item noo poore folk of this Citie frome soneday come at sevenight unto Easter next shall be suffred to goe abrode to begge but shall kepe at home in their howses; and that money shall be gathered for their releyf wekely by the constables in every paroche accordyng the sessement and rate therof made the xi^th^ of February last past.

Item that the constables in every paroch shall inquyere of all strange beggars and vacabunds taken by any persone into this Citie syns mychelmas last soo that the wardens may see them avoided and punnysshed accordyng to the statute.

(*fo.* 95b). Item it is nowe aggreed that accordyng to the laudable ordynaunes of the Citie every inhabitant shall before fastgangs even next sufficiently pave the streets in the said Citie every man ageynst the hows or gronde that he holds, and specially in the open streets apon peyne of forty pens a pece.

Item that the pavyng in the way doune to Saynt Leonards Lendyng and Bothame barre shalbe sufficiently repayred of the comon cost by oversyght of the Chamberlaynes.

[1] Archbishop Holgate's School The Kings letters patent to the Archbishop to found this school are dated 24 October, 1546.

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Item where Gregory Pacok, merchaunt, have bought of the parochians of Saynt Johns certayne lead of their paroche cherche fallen doune by tempest for a certayne somme of money, for soo moche as the sayd parochians do entend to bestowe the money holly towards reparacon and makynge up ageyne of the sayd cherche it is aggreed that the sayd Gregorie shalbe at his libertie to have away that sayed lead bought ; and that for the more sewerty that the money of the same shalbe brought by the sayed Gregory unto the Common Chamber there saffly to remayne unto they buylde up ageyn and then to be gyven unto thaym from tyme to tyme as they shall occupie it.[1]

Item it is agreed that accordyng to the auncient custome the bakers shall make wekely maynbread sufficient to serve this Citie with apon peyne the holle occupacon to forfayt iij^{s} iiij^{d}.

Item that no person from hensforth bake any spiced cakes except they kepe the full assise with white bread apon payne every tyme xij^{d}.

Item that the mylnars of this Citie shall grynde corne after a peny a busshell and not above apon payne of forfayture xij^{d} for every busshell. Item that all foreyn badgers[2] commyng to this Citie shalbe stayed to bye any grayne in the market before one of the clock after none, soo that the freemen of this Citie may be first served.

fo. 97b. **St. Helen's Church, Stonegate.**

18 February 6 Edward VI (1551-2). *Present*—Richard White, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Maister L . . . . . shall have in purchace the late cherche of Saynt Helenes with the grounde of the same holly from the styles nigh the formar wall of the sayed cherche backward condiconally that he shall buyld a dwellyng hows apon the foore fronte therof or ells deface and pull downe the sayed cherche and walls and sett some semely walls of the same with as convenyent spede as may be, provyded allways that he shall not in any wise stoppe or impayer the foote way goyng over the cherche yard there.[3]

fo. 98. **Present to the Earl of Cumberland.**

22 March 6 Edward VI (1551-2). *Present*—Richard White, Mayor, 3 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

[1] "This year was Trinity steeple in Micklegate and St. John's steeple at Ouse bridge end blown down with a great wind" *Beckwith's Ms. Chronicle*, York Minster Library.

[2] badgers ; itinerant dealers who act as middlemen between producer and consumer.

[3] This footway led from Blake Street to Davygate across the churchyard which then occupied a large part of the present St. Helen's Square.

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Aggreed that in consideracon that the right honerable Lord the Erle of Cumberland and his ancestorz hath ever borne a good mynde and favour to this Citie there shall therfor a present of maynebread, wyne and sugar be prepared and payed for by the Chamberlaynes of the Citie cost and by theym exhibited to my sayed Lord from my Lord Maiour and his Brethern and to his wellcome to this Citie.

fo. 99. **A toll cheater put in the cage on the Pavement.**

Exchange of Bells.

1 April 6 Edward VI (1552). *Present*—Richard White, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the billetts shalbe made and delyvered for playeng of Corpus Christi playe this yere.

Furthermore it is ordered for soo much as by dewe prove it appereth that Thomas Shaw, firmor of the tolle in the Pavement, hath a great space used extorcion apon the Kyngs people in taking undewe and excessyve tolne and specially by a conterfayt disshe beyng sealed with the seale ther unto appoynted to be framed and glewed therunto ; and after that bothe he and his wife disobedyently and unsittyngly hath used theym selfs within the sayed Citie. The sayed Thomas therfor shalbe punysshed for the sayed extreme offense and disobedyens by impresonment in forme folowyng ; that is to say, be putt in the cage in the sayed Pavement three severall markett dayes from tenne of the clocke of every of the same dayes unto one of the clocke at after none and so to begynne on Saturday next and than on Tewysday and Thursday the next weke ; and his wife shall submytt theym selfs to Maister Shadloke, Alderman, and desyer hym to be good maister to theym and forgyve theym specially for that his wife wysshed a vengeans of hyme with other despiteful wordes.

(*fo.* 99b). And also that Maister Shadlok shall delyver unto hyme tolle dysshes lawfully sealed from tyme to tyme as he shall nede theym.[1]

Item when the sayd Thomas Shawe is dischardged by Maister Appleyard late Lord Mayour of his franchese it is aggreed that he shall come in ageyne and be newe franchesed payeng his fyne to the Chambre accustomed as he will.

Item the belles of Ouse brigg shalbe exchaunged with the belles of Saynt John in Myklegat soo that it be any profet to the Common Chambre.

[1] It would appear that Shaw after undergoing punishment is restored to his old position of responsibility.

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fo. 100. **More precautions against spreading infection.**

22 April 6 Edward VI (1552). *Present*—Richard White, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 12 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that for further good staye of the sykenesse within this Citie noe taylours, weavers, shermen or any other of this Citie duryng the same shall receyve any maner of apparrell, cloth, yearns, beddyng or other stuff to worke, occupie or kepe, but suche onely as they shall knowe perfectly not to come from any visited hows. And alsoo that noe maner upholstars shall sell any maner of olde apparell or other stuff eyther openly in their shoppes or otherwise nor goe hawkyng therwith abowte in the towne soo long as it shall please God to visit the same, apon payne to every of theym doyng contrary to that ordynaunce to forfayte his franchese and be banisshed this Citie for ever.

Item that suche as shall chanse herafter to be visited shall kepe bothe their doores and wyndowes contynewally closed by the space of sex wekes next after their sayed visitacon and than there doores and wyndowes lawfully to be open and soo thay to kepe theym selfs quyetly in their howses and not to goe abrode emongs the holle by the space of other sex weekes than next after apon the payne above sayd.

Item it is ordered that one mete and honest persone or more if nede requyer shall be appoynted to mynyster to the sayd visited meat, drynk, water and other necessaries and have wekely of the Chamber viij^{d} a pece.

Item that the paygant money of this yere shalbe receyved by the Chamberlaynes; and by my Lord Maiours discreccon to be disposed thone half to the kepyng of the sayd visited people and thother half to thuse of thoccupacons.

(*fo.* 100b). It is further aggreed that there shalbe foure mete persones named and appoynted to wynde, beare and burie all suche corpses as herafter shall chanse to die from the plague within this Citie or suburbes and none other; and that they shall have for every corpse soo wynded, borne and buried . . . .[1] And also if it fortuneth the sayd iiij persones gett not, burying as is aforsayd, every weke xx^{d} apece, then they to be payed and made good soo moche wekely as shall want of the same xx^{d} of the Chambre cost by discreccon of my Lord Maiour. And that duryng all the sayd tymes the sayd iiij persones shall kepe by theym selfs in a solytarie place from company viz. in certayne howses beyng of the common cost at Tofte green ende; and to be ready at all tymes apon knowlege gyven theym to burie the sayd corpses without dylay; and also for their sayd wages shall swepe and clense all the sayd howses visited and by discreccon of my Lord Mayour the clothes and pelfe[2] in the same shall be brenne.

[1] Blank in M.S.
[2] Pelfe, rubbish.

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Item to thentent the better to avoyde assembles of people at this present within the sayd Citie beyng dangerous for the sayd sykenes it is aggreed that the billetts latly delyvered forth for Corpus Christi shalbe incontynently called in ageyn and not to be played this yere.

(*fo.* 101). Also the foure persones that shall burie the sayd dead corpses shall in suche tyme as thay doe goe abrode carie in their hands a whit rodde of a yard longe and lykewise apon the nyght to have a light before theym bearyng their sayd white rodds to thentent they shalbe knowne from others.

And that every constable shall call unto hym suche honest persones as shalbe thought mete to ayde and assist hym at all tymes for thexecutyng of the premisses and other suche good ordre as hertofor hath ben appoynted to be done.

fo. 101. **St. Thomas' Hospital transferred to the City.**

26 April 6 Edward VI (1552). *Present*—Richard White, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Came the maister, two wardens and brethern of Saynt Thomas Hospital withoute Mykelgate barre and for certayne good consideracons have promysed to make to suche the Cityzens of the Citie as my Lord Maiour and his brethern shall name one leas for terme of iiij^{xx} yeres of and in all their maners, lands and tenements, rents, reversons and services belongyng to the sayd hospitall; the lessees to be bounde to pay certayne fees goyng forth of the same, viz. to Sir Leonard Beckwyth x^{s}, to Leonard Temple xx^{s}; to Sir John Gargrave xiij^{s} iiij^{d}; Thomas Fal iij^{s} iiij^{d}.

Moreover as they have nowe declared for soo moche as they have at this instant fewe bretherne of the sayd hospitall, they are fully determyned to electe and chose dyverse other newe brethern of the most honest and discret persones of this Citie for the good order, mayntenaunce and preservacon of the same hospitall and poore folk in the same according to the first foundacon; and soo have nowe requested my Lord Mayor and his Brederne to vowchesalfe apon their election to tak apon thaym to be brederne of the sayd hospital, whoo consideryng what a meritoriouse dede it is to be aydyng the sayd hospitall and poore folks have willyngly with one voyce granted herafter to take the sayd brethers apon theym and to helpe theym in all their lawfull affayres and nedes.

And Sir William Pynder nowe maister of the sayd hospitall beyng a man sykely and aged allegyng that he is not soo lusty and hable to travaile and folowe the necessarie suyts and busynesses concernyng the sayd hospitall as he hath ben is desyrouse to resign up his office of maister and soo it is thought metest that my Lord Maiour of this Citie for the tyme beyng shalbe chosen and named from yere to yere maister of the sayd hospitall.

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(*fo.* 101b). The poore folks and beddes to be maynteyned in the sayd hospitall as befor tyme hath ben accustomed.[1]

Aggreed that all necessarie reparacons in thakkyng shall be made furthwith by the Chamberlaynes apon Saynt Anthonies.

fo. 102. **Registers to be made of householders, alehouse keepers, bowling allies and vagrants.**

27 May 6 Edward VI (1552). *Present*—Richard White, Mayor; William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Ordered that for procedyng to dewe execucion of certayn acts of the last Parliament within this Citie the constables of every paroche shall forthwyth apon warnyng to theym gyven by the common officers make dylygent inquyre of all alehowses and typlyng howses within their circuyte and paroche and make a trewe certificat in wrightyng of the names of all such as kepe theym to my Lord Maiour and his Bredern on Wedensday next at viij of the clokke before noone at the Common Hall.

Item every of the sayd constables with helpe of the parsone, vycar or curat of the paroche shall lykewise wright the names of every inhabitant and householder within their paroche and also of every impotent, aged and nedy persone within the same.

Item the sayd constablez doe lykewise than and there bryng a certificat of all maner of bowle alies.

Item that from hensfurth they shall make serche weekly of all strange and newe come vacabundes and able persons into any theyr paroche and to certifie my Lord Mayour therof from tyme to tyme.

fo. 105. **Regulation of wages. Festivities given up this year. Proclamation to be read in Churches.**

9 June 6 Edward VI (1552). *Present*—Richard White, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 2 of the xxiv.

It was aggreed that from Trinytie sonday nexte unto Alle Halomas nexte accordynge to the Acte of Parliament therof made no maister tylars, carpentars, joynars, pavers shall take to ther wages above vj^{d} the day withoute meat and iiij^{d} the day wythe meat; and that ther servars and all other laborars do not take above iiij^{d} the day withoute meate and ij^{d} the day wythe meate;

[1] St. Thomas' Hospital had been united to Corpus Christi Guild which was suppressed in 1547. How the Hospital escaped is not known. In February 1551-2 William Pinder, the master, called his brethren together and pointed out to them the impossibility of continuing the hospital unless some way could be found out of their many difficulties. It was agreed, "after consultacion hadd emonges theym that if yt wolde pleas my lorde maier and his brether, aldermen of the citie of Yorke to be brether with us in the same hospitall, that wolde bee the rediest waie to upholde the said house and maynteyne the poore folkes." See *The Guild of Corpus Christi, York* (Surtees Society), p. xiii.

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and also that no man of the sayd Citie gyve above the sayd rate and wages apon peyne of forfature every of theym offendyng iij^{s} iiij^{d}.

Item that yf any of the sayd maisters artyficers or ther servants before the sayd fest of Alle Halowmas next do departe forth of the said Citie to werke ellswhere withoute lycens of my Lord Maiour shall lose his franches for ever.

And for soo moche as this yere there is no play on Corpus Christi daye it is aggreed that the Sheriffs shalbe pardoned of their rydyng accustomed of the same daye ; and further bycause the sykenesse is nowe dangerouse in this Citie it also aggreed that for not rydyng on mydsomar even and S. Petre even accustomed the same Shirefs (shall pay) fourty shillyngs viz. xx^{s} a pece.

Item that the charitie in money of the maisters of the Mynstar promysed to be gyven toward releif of the poore of this Citie shalbe delyvered to the wardens of the iiij wardes equally to be distributed where it shalbe thought most mete by ther discreccon emongs the poore.

(*fo.* 105b). Mem. that a billet conteynyng as folowith was delyvered to every parsone and curat to reade in there cherches of this Citie.

Where in this last Parliament emongs others one acte was made ageynst abuses and disorders used in common alehowses my Lord Maiour therfor for the better execucon and observyng of the same acte doeth of the Kings majesty behalf streightly commande that on sondays and other holy dayes in tyme of dyvyne service in the cherche or betwene the matyns and the Communion nor after ix of the clock at night of any day no maner of persone shall resort, haunt or abide in any tavarne, alehous or tiplyng hows within this Citie or suburbes apon peyne of iij dayes in prison at the least. And further that no maner of persone at any tyme doe playe in the sayd howses or garthes at dices, cardes, bowles or any other unlawful games apon peyne of the statuts in suche cases provyded at their perills.

GOD SAVE THE KING

fo. 108. **Attempt to force up corn prices.**

5 July 6 Edward VI (1552). *Present*—Richard White, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen.

Ordered that where it apperith that Richard Hewton, tapitour, and Christofer Ledale, baker, have bought already certayne sommes of barley in Lyncolne Shire to be delyvered unto theym of the corne nowe growyng on the grounde it is thought that they did it for enhannsyng of the price of corne through owte all the contry ; it is therfor nowe aggreed that they shall not at any tyme herafter make any malt or kepe any kylnes in their howses unto suche tyme as they have further lyeens of my Lord

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Maiour and his Bretherne apon payne of ther dissfranchesyng forever.

Aggreed if it can be proved that any other of this Citie doo hereafter buy at any tyme any barley in forme aforsayd except onely for provyson of ther hows shalbe in the same cost and damage.

Aggreed that no man that bryngeth any maner of greyne to the stathe be soo hardy to take up the same unto my Lord Maiour be made privey therof and gyve hym licens soo to doo.

fo. 109. **Refusal to work.**

12 July 6 Edward VI (1552). *Present*—Richard White, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Ordered that the serchors of tylors and carpenters and other of their occupacons are commytted to ward by the Lord Maiour for refusyng to work after the wages and ordre taken and assessed by my Lord Maior and his brethern the ixth of June ; and shall remayne there unto suche tyme they will worke after the sayd wages.

fo. 113b. **Charge of forestalling.**

Mem. that the xijth of July 6 Edward VI (1552). One Robert Jakman, Richerd Jakman and Roger Barker of Skypton, badgears, were presented unto my Lord Mayour by William Bekwyth, merchant, Richerd Burdon, Thomas Master, sadler, and Robert Newbyggyng, shoomaker, for forstallyng of corne within this Citie ; wheruppon my sayd Lord Maiour with certayne of his Bredene first examynyd not onely the sayd presenters apon thar othes but also the sayd badgears and one Jamys Illerson of Poclyngton, maltman, of whome they had bought the same corne ; and bycause as well by deposicions of the sayd presenters as by some confession of the parties and examinacon of the sayd malteman it appered the sayed malt to be forstalled and also bycause the sayd badgears buyed corne in this Citie by a weighyng havyng but twoo justicez hands and scales unto it, he therfor commytted theym to ward ; and for that that the sayed badgers denyed the sayed corne to be bought he therfor lycensed the poor maltman to take agayn the same from Clasyn wif wher it was sett up. And after relation herof maide to my Lord Presydent and Consell by my sayed Lord Maiour they assented the same to be well done and badd they shold remayne and to be punyshed accordyng to the Kings statuts. And the sayed forstallers remayned in prisone by the space of seven dayes unto suche tyme the sayd Consell and lerned men had kanned well the sayd new statuts and then after word sent frome my sayd Lord Presydent by Maister Recorder that they shold be lett at large unto they were lawfully of the sayd forstallyng convicted, they were by my Lord Maior immediatly sett at libertie.

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Examinacons and deposicions of all thabove named doth herafter folow.

William Bekwith apon his othe sayeth that the xijth of July he standyng with Richerd Burdon, Thomas Master, Robert Bryggyng togider in Fossegate sawe one Jamys Illason bryngyng malt towards the market ; and twoo of thabove named Robert Jakman and Roger Barker came unto hym in the mydest of the street and rounded with hym a pretty while and they toke owte of the malt and tasted of it ; and soo after roundyng betweene theym at thar departur the maltman held up his fyngar sayng—ye shall have it ; and herapon they caused one Henry Yles to pursewe the maltman ; and soone after the sayd Iles returnyng sayd the maltman was sett up at Clasyn wif.

Richerd Burdon and Thomas Mason and Robert Byggyng beyng every one severally examined after other did depose and say in all thyngs as the sayd Will. Bekwith.

(*fo.* 114). Richard Jakman of Skipton, badger, sayeth apon his othe that his broder Robert Jakman, Roger Barker and other twoo that was gone home to Skipton are partynars togider, and beyng commyng togidder to this Citie by chaunce sawe in the strete the said William who was of his acquayntaunce and tuke hym by thand and callyd hym to them and askyd hym of the price of malte and he said xij^{s} and he sayd—I wolde ye hadd xxij^{s} for the ij quarters and Robert Jakman at a hole in the sakk tukə owte of the malte and taistyd but this deponent saith he was gone before his brodder Jakman tuke owte the malte at a hole of the sakk and he saith that his marrows tolde hym that the maltman sayd Jakman shall have it as he badd if he lyst and held upp his fynger.

Roger Barker apon his othe examynyd saith thare be v partynars of theym wherof thre of theym were togydder in the strete and the maltman sawe Rychard Jakman and pulled hym by the sleve askyd hym of his quarte and askyd hym whether he wold by any malte and Jakman askyd the pryce and he aunsweryd xij^{s} and Jakman sayd I wold ye had xj^{s} ; and soo Jakman then went into a howse and Robert Jakman toke owte malte of the hole and tastyd it, and soo the malteman drove styll on his horse and so badd hym tell Jakman that he shall have it and he wold as he badd and that he wold have it to his hoste howse.

Robert Jakman of Skipton, badgar, saith that he and his fello, Roger Barker, metyng two quarters of malte commyng to the markett askyd the price and he answeryd xxij^{s}, but he saith that for his parte he offeryd no money but what his fello dyd he knoweth nott, but he putt his hand in at the hole and tastyd and sayd it was good malte.

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(*fo.* 114b). James Illerson of Poklyngton, malte dryver, saith that he mett with the three men aforsayd as he was commyng in the strete towardes the markett and that they askyd howe he wold sell and he aunswayd for xij^{s} and they sayd they wold give xj^{s} and he sayd they shuld have it ; and soo they badd hym lave it to there hostes howse to Glasynwif and there he sholde receyve his money xxij^{s} for twoo quarters ; and soo he hadd it streight thydder and there is nowe remaynynge.

fo. 115. **The City to be supplied with spring water.**

St. Helen's Church.

29 August 6 Edward VI (1552). *Present*—Richard White, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 8 of the xxiv.

Apon declaration made by my Lord Maiour how liberally my Lord of Shrewisbury with dyverse of the Counsall hath offerd towards the bryngyng[1] in of a conduct with water unto this Citie soo that the Maiour and Comonalte of the same wold bear but the thridd part of the costs and chardgs of the same; it is agreed that the sayd thridde part or rader more shalbe borne of the Citie chardgs and that a lettre shalbe made concernyng the same and sent by my Lord Maiour to the sayd Erle.

To the right honorable the Erle of Shrewysbery.

May it pleas your good lordship to be advertysed that I assemblyng my brethren th aldermen and other of the cheif of the Citie togider made declaracon unto theym of your lordships most gentle mocion and liberall offer towards conveying of a conducte into the sayd Cite who alltogider therat greatly rejoysyng with one voyce answered that they wold right gladly help that to the uttermost of their powers thynkyng theymselfs moche bounden to your good lordship for the unfeyned goodwill and favour your lordship beareth to this poor Cite; and soo we have serched certayne spryngs abowte the sayd Cite and emongs others have spiede one nigh S. Andrewes whiche cheifly we thynk will well serve the purpose for we have allready tryed that even as it is at this present undressed it renneth halfe a tone in an hower belevyng that if it was ryght handled it wolde yelde an holle tone in an hower, yea and if nede were there be certayne other good spryngs very nigh it that may be lightly brought all to our hand soo that we nowe as men lakkyng knowledge to what place of the Citie the sayd water may be conveyed, most doo desyre your good lordsheps advys herin and to helpe us to some expert man in this sciens that of our costes may (173b) viewe and gyve us his counsell howe this godly purpose may be best brought to passe by our good masters of the Counsell. Your lordships at commandment.

Richard White, Maiour.

[1] The first regular s ıpply of water to York is generally supposed to date in 1672. As will be seen in a future volume the first water works were much earlier than this.

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Furthermore it is agreed that Maister Lee shall have all suche assurans made to hym of Saynt Helen lat cherche and cherche yard as my Lord Maiour and Comonalty can make under the common seale yf he will be bounde to make a sufficiente and semely buyldyng apon the same reservying the old accustomed way to passe through the cherch yard as they have done.

fo. 119. **Infringement of plague laws. Seals for cloth.**

23 September 6 Edward VI (1552). *Present*—Richard White, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that for soo muche as William Blomer of Skeldergait hath receyved into his hous within this Cite Marmaduke Vavasour, gentleman, newly visited in his hous at Acaster with the plague, withowte licens or knowlege of my Lord Maiour or any other of thaldermen he shall therfore be sett in the Kidcote at discrecon of my Lord Maiour and that nowe the sayd Marmaduke usyng hymself warely from the company of any of his sayd hows of Acaster shall remayne still in the sayd Blomer hows.

Item that Nyny Blythman, tylar, for lyke mysdemeanour in suffryng his wife to come home to his hous in Mikilgat with gear after she had ben kepyng the syke in the contry and to goo abrode in this Citie emongs the holle shall therfor be also sett in the stocks by discrecon of the wardens.

Further it is nowe aggreed that accordyng to a statut made in the last Parliament[1] there shalbe made of the common cost of this Citie twoo seales; thone of theym with the name and armes of the Citie and thother with this lettre F. for sealeng of clothes by sersors to be appoynted therunto. And nowe accordyng to the forme of the said statut Trystram Litstar, draper, and William Barker, taylour, are thought men mete to [be] sersors of wollen clothes duryng one holle yere next to come.

fo. 121 **St. Helen's Church, Stonegate.**

26 October 6 Edward VI (1552). *Present*—Richard White, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

Where it was aggreed that Master Goodyere shall have suche assurans made to hym of Saynt Helens cherch[2] and cherche yard in Stanegat latly unyted to Seynt Sampsons condiconally that wythin one yere next comyng he shall eyther deface and pull downe the sayd chirch and make an honest buyldyng apon the same the sayd Thomas Goodyere, now present, hath aggreed and hath now promysed also to pave soo moche of the street adjoynynge to the sayd chirche yard as the lait chirche wardens ought to doo ; and in all lawfull matters the sayd Maister Goodyere to have ayde of this Citie soo far as the laws will suffer.

[1] An Act for the making of wollen cloth. 5 & 6 Edward vi. c. 6.
[2] As will be seen later St. Helen's was saved by Act of Parliament.

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(121b). Aggreed that one of the common officers shall ryde to my Lord Presydent at Sheffield with answer to his gentle letter concernyng good order to be taken for the sykenesse ageynst the next syttyng.

fo. 124. **The Bars to be strictly watched. Price of Wine. Unlawful Games. Street Cleaning.**

24 November 6 Edward VI (1552). *Present*—Richard White, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the four officers of the iiij wardes shall frome nowefurth have the chambers above every barre of the sayd wardes for theym or their honest deputies such as they will answer for to ligh in nightly; and at ix of the clocke at after none to shutt in the barres and posternes nightly every of theym in their warde and soo to kepe theym diligently speared from ix of the clock unto fyve of the clocke in the mornyng, and duryng that tyme to suffre no suspyciouse persone to come in ne goo forth but shall bryng theym to the Shirefs to be examined and this order to contynew unto suche tyme it be otherwise aggreed by my sayd Lord Maiour and his Brederne.

It is aggreed that xx^{s} of the Chambre costs be taken and by my Lord Maiour discrecon to be distributed emongs the poore visited withowte Bothome barre.

Item it is ordeyned that no tavernar or other of this Citie sell none of the best gascoigne wyne above the rate of xij^{d} the galone, no malvicyie above ij^{s} the galon, nor sacke above xx^{d} the galone, apon peyne for every tyme doing the contrarie iij^{s} iiij^{d} ; and alsoo that none of theym kepe any persone drynkynge in ther hous in tyme of dyvine service of any holyday apon lyke peyne of iij^{s} iiij^{d}.

Item it is aggreed that all the bakers shall from hensfurth bake half peny mayne bread apon peyne of ——

Item it is now ordeyned that the common officers of every the sayd iiij wards shall call unto theym every holyday at tyme convenyent three or iiij of the constables of the same wardes and make serch with theym in every alehows, tiplyng hows and taverne within the sayd wards if any unlawfull games be therein used or mysrule kept contrary to theyr recognisanes or not, and of any they fynd to present and make informacon of theym to my Lord Maiour.

Furthermore that they the sayd officers gyve warnyng to every constable within their wardes to command every inhabitant within this Citie that they dyligently swepe or cause to be swept and made cleane the streets every one ageynst his door and howses and the fylth to cary away twise in the weeke, that is to say, on Saturdays and Tewesdayes wekely apon peyne to every the seyd officers beyng negligent to have twoo dayes imprisonment.

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fo. 125. **St. George's Chapel. Request from Hedon.**

A cordwainer's deceit.

16 December 6 Edward VI (1552). *Present*—Richard White, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Thomas Nycollson shall paye for this yere occupacon of the manson hous next the Castellmylnes called Seynt Georgs Chapell to be ended at Christmas next xv^{s}.

Mem at the speciall sewte and request of the Maiour of Hedon it is aggreed that the old charter of this Citie for beyng tolle free at Hull made befor the tyme of Kyng John shalbe serched owte by the Common Clerke and by a syght and advise of Maister Recorder it or the copie thereof to be shewed before the Kyngs Majestie honorable Consell for declaracon and furtherans of trewth in the sewte betwene theym of Hedon and Hull.

For soo moche it is lett my Lord Maiour and the sayd presens to understand that Maister Bacheler, cordynar, hath deceiptfully soled the utter sole of a certayne hors with hors leather and trowbled an honest poore man of the same occupacon for declaryng and presentyng the trewth therin he shall therfor paye to the Chambre for his sayd deceyt xl^{s} and for vexyyng of the sayd poor towards amends and recompens of his costs and chardgs iij^{s} iiij^{d} withoute any maner of forgyvnes or mytygacon.

(125b.) **Ordinances of the Ropers and Turners.**

Furst it is ordeyned that no mayster of the said craft take any apprentice for lesse terme than seven yeres apon peyne of losinge xiij^{s} iiij^{d}. And yf chanse the mayster of such apprentice to dye within the sayd terme of vij yeres that then the sayd apprentice may serve up his yeres whith what other maister of that occupacon he will within this Citie.

Item that no straunger that useth to bringe any thynge to the Citie to sell belongynge to the sayd crafts beinge ones warned shall not goo hawkinge abowte ne sell the same nor profre any of it to sell before they come at the open market apone peyne of xx^{d}.

(*fo* 126). Item it is now ordeyned that the sayde turnars, hayrestors, syviars and bullars be contributors and pay pageant sylver to the sayd ropers for bringing forth of their pagiant at Corpus Christi.

Item because at this present there are but fewe in number of all the sayd occupacons it is therfore ordeyned that twoo of the more expert of any the sayd crafts be appoynted serchars for all the sayd crafts and to be yerely chosen the moneday next after Saynt James day th apostell. And yf any of the sayd crafts rebelle or be disobedient to the sayd serchars then he to forfate vj^{s} viij^{d}.

Item that no maister of the sayd crafts work or suffer to be wrought in noe maner of ther work any maner of stuff but suche

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as is good, mete and hable stuffe by oversyght of the sayd serchars and if any maister aforsayd doeth or suffer to be done the contrary then he to forfate vj^{s} viij^{d}.

(*fo.* 126b). George Cooke and John Weddell, twoo of the last Chamberlaynes of this Citie, considering they were not soo diligent and good husbands for the profit of this Chambre as is thought they might have been concernyng the lat abacement and fall of money to the great losse of the commonaltie, have before all the sayd presens compromittyd and are well content to abyde the order of my Lord Maiour and his Brethren concernyng the same premisses.

Lykewise George Hall another of the sayd Chamberlaynes hath submytted himself to the sayd order this xth of January.

fo. 127b. **Able poor to be made to work.**

10 January 6 Edward VI (1552-3). *Present*—Richard White, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the wardens every of theym within their owne warde with the collectours of relief for the poore folk one day the next week assemble theym in the warde and by ther discrecions inquyre which of the poore be hable eyther to spynne or doo any other work; and as they see cause to sett theym awork accordyngly; and if any suche poor will refuse soo to doo then their releif to be taken from theym and expulsed the Citie.

fo. 128 **Fine for wasting public money.**

15 January 6 Edward VI (1552-3) *Present*—Richard White, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 12 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that for ther negligence and defalt of the late Chamberlaynes in kepying, orderyng anf dispendyng of common treasure of this Citie fallen and decayed in thar hands by reason of the Kynges proclamacons of abacyng of money of last yere, and specially in asking allowance of viij^{li} in a more somme for the falle of xvj^{li} for thar owne exoneracon accustomed, and halfe of Frenche crones changed by theym into the sayd coyne which shold not have fallen if they had ben unchanged ; the same Chamberlaynes shall therfor paye before sonday next in name of a fyne to the common use xl^{s}.

fo. 130. **There are to be six Chamberlains this year.**

Repair of the Guildhall.

17 January 6 Edward VI (1552-3). *Present*—Richard White, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 9 of the xxiv.

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In consideracon that this yere there is an honest somme of money remaynyng in the common cofers of this Citie and that by reason of the Parliament that shall (God willyng) be this yere a great part therof ys lyke to be debursed and spent forth of the sayd treasure for costs and wages of the burgesses of this Citie for the sayd Parliament, it is nowe therfor ordeyned for the bettar helpe and easment in dispatch of the premisses that there shalbe chosen and sworne sex Chamberlaynes for this yere only, and after that to be but iiij Chamberlaynes as was before.

Aggreed that the glasse wyndowes and floors of the Common Hall and of the Counsell Chambre with the gutter of lead in the same shalbe forthwith reparelled and mended and also newe.[1]

fo. 134. **Report on work done at St. Saviour's Church.**

Touching the beylding of the roofe of Saynt Saviour Churche wee Davy Bell, John Tyson and John Wylliamson uppon survai and viewe of the defalte therof mayd, and uppon serche mayd uppon the same, wee uppon our othes dothe present and fynde that one defalte therof was in the wryghts that dyd nott putt in the remembraunce to the Chamberleyns to have twoo syde wavers layd in the same worke. A nother was that the parishingars there dyd take doune a wyndo coveryd with lead and dyd sett upp a greater wyndo uppon the syde of the said Churche and coveryd the same with tyle whiche surchargyd that syde of the Churche and brakk parte of the sparres. Also we fynde a falte in that the same werke was not kepte drye for lakk of sufficient thekyng, by reason whereof the walplaits dyd roote and decayd the same work greatlie and dyd roote also the feyt of the sparres.

fo. 135. **Petition of the Vintners.**[2]

To the honorable Lorde Mayor of the Citie of Yorke and his brether the Aldermen of the same.

Moste humbly compleynyng shewyth yowr good lordeshyppe and Brether, Thomas Greges and Rychard Aynley, vynteners, that whereas certin holsom, good and laudable ordinauncs towchyng the occupacon of vynteners was establisshed and mayde and also approbate and confyrmyd by the Lorde Mayor, Brether and Commons of the sayd Citie the xxij yeare of the reagne of famous memorie Kyng Edward the fowrte as herafter folowyth—Furste that no man shold occupie as vyntener wythin the sayd Citie butt suche as shold be admyttyd by the sherchers and feloshyppe of the sayd

[1] This is the earliest mention of glass windows in the Guildhall. Robert Davies, in his *Walks through the City of York*, p. 52, makes a mistake in saying that the windows of the Guildhall were merely louvres until 1760, when glass windows were ordered to be put up instead of wood. There are many references to these glass windows in the Chamberlain's Accounts previous to 1600.

[2] This is the original petition which has been pasted into the House Book.

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occupacon and also that everyman wythin this Citie beyng admyte by the sayd serchers and felashyppe shold be frome tyme to tyme contributorye to the yearlye charges and expensis of the sayde occupacon as well in bryngyng forth of the pagyon as also in all maner of thyngs concernyng the sayme ; so it is, honorable Lorde and his worshypfull Brether, that a grett nombre of persons of this Citie not reggayrdyng the sayde orders and laudable ordinancs, bott contrarie the sayme to the utter dystructon of the sayd occupacon of vynteners and mysterye of the sayme, nott beyng admyte by the serchers and feloshype of the sayd occupacion and beyng wyllyng to bere and susteyne the chayrges and expensis of the sayd occupacon bott at theyre awne libertye drawyth and retaylyth wynes and some of theyme suche as is unholsome and corrupte and puttyth the drawyng hereof to unable persons contrarye the ordynaunces of the sayd occupacon to the utter dystructon of the sayme, oneles a spedye reymedy herin be hayde. In consyderacon wherof may it pleas yow good lordshype that whereas there is bot fewe in nombre franchesyd to the sayd occupacon to appoynte a certen nombre at the dyscrescon of yower good lordshype and sayd brether to be contributoric to the yerely chargs and expensis of the sayd occupacon ; and forther that the other not beyng admyte by yor lordeshype may surcease and leave of retaylyng of wynes or ells to dyscharge and anulle the sayd occupacon and puttyng all at lybertye and the sayd Thomas Greges and Rychard Aynley shall dayly pray for yower prosperous healthes.[1]

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[2]*fo.* B. **Fish not to be sent out of York.**

16 February 7 Edward VI (1552-3). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that forsomuche as by thoccason of conveyeng of fyshe from this Citie by boates to other foreign[3] places ther is not onely greate skarsitie to serve the Kyngs people in the same and specially his Majestye Counsell, but alsoo excessive and unreasonable prices, it is ordeyned therfor that no maner of fyssher neyther of this Cite ne stranger shall from hensfurth let ferme any of the sayd boates with any maner of fysshe in any parte of Ouse or other

[1] This document is endorsed "Vynteners. An order taken xij "March vj Edward vj." An earlier petition of the Vintners is given in *York Civic Records*, vol. II, p. 85.

[2] The first sixteen folios of Vol. XXI seem to have originally been bound separately ; they are not numbered, but lettered A to Q. They have been somewhat damaged by water, but for the most part are still legible.

[3] "foreign places" ; any places outside the City.

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place within theis liberties apon peyne of forfayture to every fyssher offendyng herin xx^{s} a pece.

(*fo.* Bb). William Holme and William Watson elected M.P.'s.

fo. E. **Instructions to M.P.'s.**

Certeyn instructions yeven to the burgesses of this Citye for the Parlyament.

Fyrst to gett it enactyd at the Parliament that such a large place within this Citie shold be appoyntied for serche and sale of cloth, wolle and leather of the contey as one within the Citie of London called Blakwych Hall— — whiche it is thought that Saynt Anthonyes Halle within the said Citie were very fytt ; and that it shold be lawful for no maner person to sell or serche any of the said three wares but onely in the sayd place.

Item an acte to be made agaynst the great destructyon of wood within xvj myles of this Citie.

Item to sewe to gett that pasturs and spryngs adjoyning to this Citie eyther by whyt rent of the Kyngs majesty hands or ells by purchace viz. Northfeld Grainge Feld and Paynley Croft, whiche wold be a great relief for the poore commons of this Citie.

Item to gett it enacted that it shalbe unlawfull for the butchers of this Citie to have any gressing within vj myles of this Citie.

Item in case the belles and jewells of cherches be gyven to the Kyngs majestie hands to sewe that a promise may be made that all the belles and jewells of the cherches within Yorke may be gyven to the same towardes the mayntenance therof and of reparellyng of wayes and bridges.

Item to sewe for the gyfts of the personages of Methely, Barwik in Elmett and of Castal Fery to be goten to this Cite of the Kings majestie, which shall be no peny forth of the Kings cofers, but is great help of this pore Citie.

(*fo.* Eb). Item to make sewte for the late chantrie lands belongyng to the Kings majestie within this Citie, beyng nowe in great ruyne, to the great defacying of the said Citie may eyther be honestly reparelled by his Graces officers or ells by his Highnes to be graunted to the said pore Citie.

Item that no kynd of wollen cloth, blewe ne redde colores, be made in towne or village frome Trent northwards but onely in the Citie of Yorke.

fo. F. **Corpus Christi Play.**

13 March 7 Edward VI (1552-3). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Corpus Christi plays shalbe this yere played on Corpus Christi day as hath bene accustomed and that billets shalbe made.

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fo. H.

Woollen Weavers Pageant.

Searchers of the Butchers sent to Prison.

14 April 7 Edward VI (1553). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 2 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that for as much as the wollen weavers was woont to bryng forth a pagiant of the Assumption of Our Lady on Corpus Christi day yerely, which pagiant is nowe leaft of and soo the sayd weavers have nowe no pagiant to bryng forthe; and agayne wher the sledmen of this Citie have a pagiant to bryng forthe and by reason of ther poverty are not hable to bryng forth the same and specially for that the same pagiant is now farr in decay and broken—it is now agreed that the said wollen weavers shall bryng furth the sayd sledmens pagiant ; and that the sayd sledmen be frome nowe furth contributory to the cappers in brynging forth ther pagiant.

Item for as moche as Bernard Horner, beying one of the serchers of bochers hath alate[1] putt to sale, as well to my Lord Maior as to dyverse others, corrupt and stynkynge fleisshe, whiche apon dewe serche and profe therof was by my said Lord Maior commandment then brennt and also the sayd Bernard for that falt then commytted to warde, and nowe not onely the sayd Bernard but also Symon Foxgale and John Smyth, other twoo of the said serchers, commyng personally befor this presens and demanded whether they wold abide thorder of my Lorde Maiour and of this hous or no—that is to saye—the sayd Bernard for soo sellenge the sayd corrupt and stynkynge fleisshe and the said other twoo serchers for their neglygens and slaknes in serchyng of the same ; whoo very stubbornly stode excusyng theym selfs and woud not submytt theym to the sayd order ; wherfor it is nowe aggreed by this presens (*fo.* Hb) that the sayd Bernard and thother twoo serchers shalbe commyted to warde there to remayne at my Lord Maiors pleasuer.

fo. M.

The City to ask for remission of Tax.

Sheriffs to take part in Corpus Christi Procession.

9 May 7 Edward VI (1553). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that by advyse of Maister Holme and Maister Watson last Burgesses of the Parliament for this Citie [request] shalbe made in the name of my Lord Maiour and his Bredren and sent up to my Lord President gyvyng hym thanks for his goodnes towards this Citie at all tymes and further to desyer hym to be soo good lord nowe to this poore Citie and to gett the taxe of this Citie or part thereof dischardged accordyng to thaggreement and promyse of the lords of the Kyngs prevay counsell at the sewte of the sayd Burgesses therin.

[1] alate ; of late ; lately.

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(*fo.* Mb). It is nowe moreover aggreed that the Shereffs shall accordyng to the auncient custome of the sayd Citie in peaceable maner ride with ther officers and a number of fotemen with them in harnesse orderly on Corpus Christi day; and than their officers on Mydsumer even for the worship of this Citie and seeng the Kyngs peas than kept and soo to be spared on St. Peter even.

fo. I. **Commission to report on the decay and poverty of York.**

12 July 7 Edward VI (1553).

Edward the Sixt by the grace of God King of England, Fraunce and Ireland, defender of the faith, and of the Churche of England and Ireland in erthe the supreme; to our trusty and wellbelovyd Sir William Babthorpe, Knight, Sir Leonard Bekwith, Knight, Sir Thomas Gargrave, Knight, Sir Anthony Nevill, Knight, and Robert Menyll, Sargant at lawe, gretyng; where as the Maior and Commonaltie of oure Citie of Yorke in consyderacon of the greate charges that the inhabitants of the same have sustanyd for the service of oure lait warres and also of the long and great decay of the sayd Citie and of the howses and dwellyngs within the same stondyng desolate and voyd of inhabitaunts, have mayd there humble sute and petycon unto us to pardone, release and dyscharge some parte or porcon of the payment of two intier fyvetenes and tenthes grauntyd unto us by our lovyng subjects in our last Parliament whereunto the Citizens and inhabitants of oure sayd Citie be chargyd and chargeable forasmuche as we have thought it expedient to be duely assertenyd of the decay of our sayd Citie and trustyng in youre approvyd wydsdomes, fidelities and dyscrescyons have appoyntyd you to be oure Commyssioners and do give unto you full power not onely to viewe the decay and rewyne of the sayd Citie butt also to knowe what porton the Citizens may convenyently contrybute towards the payment of the sayd two fyvetenes and tenthes. Westminster xij day of June.[1]

fo 2. **Seized Goods. York Churches. Tax Remission. Sale of Guild lands.**

[2]14 July 1553. *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 13 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that certayne falty cloths seised by serchors and Shireffs from dyverse drapers and taylourz and nowe remaynyng in the Shirefs custody shalbe brought to the Common Chambre

[1] Note in the margin "Mem. that the Kyng died before this Commission was sytt apon."

[2] Edward the Sixth had died on July 6th. Lady Jane Grey claimed the Throne, but was executed on July 19th.

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there to remayne in custody of my Lord Maiour and Chamberlaynes unto suche ordre be therin had accordyng to the late statut.

Item it is nowe aggreed that the booke drawn for the viewe of churches aggreed by force of an acte of Parliament shalbe delyvered to Maister Doctor Dakyns to be wrytten up and made perfect accordyng to the said Acte, forseen that my Lord Maiour first speak with the Archbisshops grace for reformacon of Allhalows Cherch in North street to stand still and to be left furth of the sayd union.

And nowe befor all this presens my Lord Maiour shewed Maister Holmes letter sent from London whiche beyng openly redde declared that L^li^ part of the first payment of the taxe and fyftenes of this Citie was pardoned by the Kings Majestie and his pryvey Counsell accordyng to the humble sewte to his Grace made in that behalf by the sayd Mayor and Comonaltie.

Item suche of the Common Counsell and honest Commonars of this Citie as were appoynted the vij^th^ of July for furtherans of the sale of S. Christofer and S. George rents did nowe apper and certified partly of thar procedyngs therin but bycause not onley their certificat dyd not soo moche satisfie the sayd presens as was looked for and also the day was farr past therfor the same day further to appere ageyne before my Lord Maiour and other abovesayd on Tewysday next at the Common Hall abowte ix of the clokk before none and than and there to procede to sale of the premisses for the most profit of the Citie.

fo. 4. **Proclamation of Queen Mary.**

The copie of the proclamacon made the xxj and xxij of July A.D. 1553 within the Citie of York, wherby the most graciouse Lady Marie, naturall doughter of Kyng Henry the viij^th^, was proclamed Queene of England after the death of the late most noble Kyng Edward the sexte hir graces late broder.

Marie by the grace of God Queene of England, Fraunce and Ireland, Defender of the feyth and in earth supreme head of the cherches of England and Irland, to all our most lovyng, faythfull and obedient subjects greetyng. For asmoch as yt hath pleased Allmyghty God to calle unto his mercy the most exellent prince King Edward the sexte our late brother of moste werthy memory, wherby the crone imperiall of the realmes of England and Irland with the tytle of France and all other thinges appertening unto the same do most rightfully and lawfully belong unto us, we do signifie unto yow that according to our said right and tytle we doo take apon us and be in the just and lawfull possession of the same, not dowbting that all our trewe and feythfull subjects will so accompte us, repute us, take us and obey us as theyr naturall and leige soverayne lady and quene according to the dewties of their

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alleiageans assuring all our good and feythfull subjects that in their so doing they shall fynd us their benigne and graciose soveraigne lady as other our most noble progenitours have heretofore bene.

T. Eli. Canc. J. Bedford. Arundell.
F. Shrewisbery. T. Pembroke.

fo. 6. **Fishgarths to be surveyed. The Bakers.**

12 August 1 Mary (1553). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that my Lord Maiour, Maister Recorder and suche of the Aldermen as my said Lord shall appoynt shall this yere accordyng to the Kyngs majestie chartre make survey of the fysshegarthes within the lymits of the Commission.

Also at the humble complaynt of the mystery or craft of free bakers it is nowe ordeyned that certayne mens wifs and others called bollbakers or tiplars shall from the last day of August nex commyng, apon warnyng to theym to be gyven by discrecon of my Lord Maiour, in no wise presume nor take apon theym to bake to sell within this Citie as they have done to thutter decay of the sayd craft apon peyne of vj^{s} viij^{d} ; except onely suche of the sayd typlars as will come in and be made free of the sayd craft as others hath ben accordyng the old ordynaunes and usag of the said occupacon. This ordynaunce and aggrement to contynewe onely for one yere next ensewyng ; it is furthermore aggreed that none of the saide occupacon whatsoever offendyng in any poynt shalbe any thyng remytted of ther forfaytur for the same.

fo. 7. **York's Allegiance to the Queen.**

Letter to the Earl of Shrewsbury about tax remission.

30 August 1 Mary (1553). *Present*—William Coupland, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

The deyd of feoffament mayd by my Lord Maiour and Comonaltie of Pyke churche[1] and churche yard to my Lord Archebusshope was nowe here delyvered by my Lord Maiour.

Item it was nowe farther agreyd and thought good by all the sayd presens that a letter of submyssion mayd to the Quene grace in the name of my Lord Maiour, Aldermen and Comonaltie shall be sent upp ymediatlie by Henry Thwaits, esquyer at the maice, to be presentyd to the Quenes highnes ; the tenour of whiche letter hereafter ensewith, worde by worde. And the said Maister Thwaits to have his necessary expencs borne of the Chambre for hym and his man and ij horses.

Most humbly submyttyng ourselves to your highnes and marcyfull grace, your most obedyent and faythfull subjects, the Maiour, Aldermen and wholle Commonaltie of your gracys Citie of York doo most hartely rejoyse and give God thanks for so noble,

[1] St. John del Pyke Church in Ogleforth.

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godly and most rightfull a Quene and governour to reign over us and accordyng to our most bounden dewtie of allegians ar and shalbe always ready most faythfully and trewly to obeye and serve your highnes, our most dradd sovereign lady, with body and goods to thuttermoste of our power and connyng, having full confydens and trust that your majestie will contynewe and be good and gracyous lady unto your power Citie of York lyke as your gracys most noble predecessours and auncestours have been. Thus most hartely wyssheng and besuchyng Allmyghtie God to preserve your gracs most noble and royall estate long to contynewe and prosper. At York the xxx^th^ of August.

Your gracs most humble and faithfull subjects, William Cowpland, Maiour of your highnes Citie of York, with all the Aldermen and wholle Comonaltie of the same.

(*fo.* 7b). To the ryght honorable and our speciall good lorde the Earle of Shrewisbery yeve theis :

After humble recommendations to your good lordship we geve yowe most hartie thanks for your lordships goodness at all tymes shewed towards this power Citie of York ; and specially for your paynes in gyttyng parte of our lait tax of the said Citie released ; eftsoones besechyng your good lordship that as ye have alredy helped us in the deduction of fyfty pownds parcell of the sayd taxe soo nowe ye wilbe a sewtar for us to the Quenes majestie and her most honorable Counsell for her gracis warrant to the officers of her highnes courte of the Eschequyer for allowance and dyscharge of the same soo that the collectours may have there *Quietus est* as other collectours have hadd before theym. And thus havyng full confydence that your good lordship will helpe us herin we besieche Allmightie God long to preserve your lordship in moche honour with your gentyle herts desier long to prospere.

Frome Yorke, the xxx^th^ of August.

Wylliam Cowpland, Maiour of York.

fo. 10b. **New M.P.'s.**

25 September 1 Mary (1553). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 11 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

By vertue of Quenes Majesties wryte for the election of the Citizens of the Parliament it is agreyd and in full comitie there is electyed and chosen by the hole consent and full voyses of all afforsayd presens Maister John North and Maister Robert Hall, Aldermen, to be Citizens of this Citie for the sayd next Parliament.

Item that there shalbe payd unto the sayd twoo Citizens at the rydyng upp to London x^li^ towards ther expencs and xxvj^s^ viij^d^ for the liverays of ther servaunts, that is, aither of them twoo servaunts for the worship of this Citie as hathe beyn accustomyd heretofore.

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fo. 11.

Instructions to M.P.'s.

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Certen instruccons geven to Maister North and Maister Hall to be by theym sewyd for the proffett of this Citie devysed by my Lord Maiour and the Aldermen as followeth—

Furst to labour for the clere allowance of fyftie pounds gyven to this Citie by the King and his Counsell of our furst payment of this taxe past, and abatyd by the collectour therof in ther accompte and yit demanded sythens by the letter subscribyd by dyverse of the Quenes majestie Counsell, but not by any processe of her highnes.

Item to gytt the Comyssion for certificate of the decays of this Citie renewyd under the queens majestie graces seall, whiche formar comyssion the sayd Citizens have nowe up with them.

Item to make labour for myttygation of the yerely payment of xxx^{li}, laite to Saynt Stevyns, nowe annexyd to the crowne, and to speke with Maister Cryplyng to sewe for the same accordyng to his promys ; and he to have honestlie for his paynes.

Item where the hospytall of St. Thomas haith many power folks and lytle to fynd them with, to be sutors to the Quenes grace to geve to the sayd hospitall all those lait chantre lands in Yorke for relief of the sayd power, whiche doo for the moste part lie waistyd, rewynose and owte of reparaccon to the great defacyng of the Citie of Yorke.

(*fo.* 11b). Item it is thought by my Lord Maiour and his Bredren that my Lord of Shrewesbury and Sir Thomas Wharton, knyght, ar metest to consulte with in your sayd suyts.

Item to harken if the Erle of Rutland be mynded to sell any thyng comodious for the Citie of Yorke.

For Maister North and Maister Hall.

Sir. The cause why our Yorkars be vexid and compellyd to pay tolles and other customes within the duchie of Lancaster contrary to the Kings charters mayd to the sayd Citie as well under the great seall of England as under the seall of the sayd duchie is this (as Maister Recorder taketh it); for the sayd duchie by acte of Parlyament was annexed to the Kings crown, and by cause in the sayd acte was no proviso for savyng the right tytle of other persones in the sayd duchie soo unyted, therefore all suche as before that tyme ought to have hadd tolle of theym have lost it, and yit thay may take tolle as well of us as all other by vertue of the sayd acte with his prorogatif etc.

Sir, it might be sone knowen howe the Londoners be ordred in the sayd duchie and whether thay pay tolle or nott, for our charter concernyng that poynt is as good as theres.

Sir, if it be (as Maister Recorder opynnyon is) than it shalbe good to putt in a bill into the Parliament howse for restitucon of our sayd liberties agayne to this poore Citie at your dyscrecyon.

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Letter from the M.P.s

31 October 1 Mary (1553). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 5 of the xxiv.

At London the xxj of October, 1553.

Right honourable and oure good Lord we doo recomend us unto your good lordship and to all our Bredern, trustyng in God that you be in good helthe and all oure brethren. Thees shalbe to signyfie unto your good lordship that theis acts be past as this day by the Quenes roiall assent. The fyrst act is that my Lady Garter the Lorde Courtney mother is restoryd to the blode and lands agayne in hir former estate. Another acte for restoryng my Lorde Cowrtney to his bloode and lands agayne. An other Acte for repelling all treasonnes, petty treasonnes, commocons sence the fyrst of Henry the eight. And further certifieng unto your good lordship that we have spoken with my Lorde of Shrewsbury who is a very good lorde as concernyng the tax and he hath commandyd that we shall nether speke nor medle in the same for as towching the same tax he hathe promysed unto us for to gytt a bill signed with the Quenes grace hand for the dyspatchyng of the same. Wherefore we dar not be so bold as to medle in the sayd matter nor in no other to wee knowe further of his lordship pleasoure in the same. And also we signyfie unto (*fo.* 13b) yowe that this day beyng the xxi, the Parlyament is proroged unto Tewesday next after the dait herof. Thus having no more to wryte unto your lordship at this tyme but desyeryng God to preserve you and our brethren with all yours in helthe to his pleasour long to contynewe. Also certefieng your good lordship that Maister Langton haith putt in a bill into the Parlyament howse concernyng there occupacon but what it wolle prove be we cannot say as yit.

By your John North and Robert Hall.

It was aggreed that a letter sholde be made agayne to the said Burgesses, advertisyng theym that for soo moche as the sayd Langton beyng a franchesed man and free baker of the Citie sworne to obey thordynauncs of this same did not make my Lord Maiour nor his sayd Bretherne pryvay to any such bill to be put into the Parliament hous by his occupacon, the sayd Burgesses shall therfor for my said Lord Maiour and Aldermen make answere to theis sayd bills as they see cause and to withstande it.

Item for certayne reasonable consideracons it is nowe aggreed that the bounders of this Citie for this yere shall not be ridden; but that twoo of the officers in every warde shall forthwyth goo and pull downe the fenses of every suche closes where this Citie ought to have common ; and if any the owners of theym doo mak theym up ageyne then the sayd officers to pulle theym doune from tyme to tyme duryng the tyme that we ought to commonice theym and to spare no man for any favour apon peyne of losyng of their offics.

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fo. 14. **Letter to M.P.s**

In our veray hartie maner we recommend us unto you; aserteynyng you that we have receyved your letter dated the xxj of Octobre the contents whereof we doo well perceyve; and for asmoche as Maister Langton, whoo as ye know is bounde to thordynancs of this Citie haith rader of willfullnes than just cause putt a bill into the Parliament hous not makyng any of us pryvay to the same, we therfor are aggreed that you in all our names shall make answer to the said bills as ye see cause and to wythstand it. Trustyng that in soo doyng ye shall not oonely prevent hym of their obstynat purpose but also discoring[1] all other willfull men to attempt any such lyk thyng herafter, as as knowith Allmighty God, whoo kepe you in health. Frome Yorke the last of October.

Your oune assured,

William Coupland, Maier.

fo. 15. **Instructions to M.P.s**

After our veray hartie commendacons theis shalbe to ascertayne you that albeit ye by your letter dated the xxj of October did certifie us that ye had spoken with my lord of Shrewesbery and that he was very good lord concernyng the taxe commandying you that ye shold neyther speak ne medle in the same for he wold gett a bill signed with the Quenes gracs hande for dispatchyng of the same, that notwithstandyng there is nowe commen doune processe forth of her highnes court of the Escheker to the Sheriffs not onely to attach all the collectours of the sayd taxe to answer bothe for their contempt and not payment of all the sayd taxe but alsoo to sease all their goods and landes to her Majesty use, whiche processe is retornable in *termino Martini* as by the copie therof ye may perceyve. And for asmoche as we woold be very lothe that we or any of us remain in any danger of the Quenes majesty displeasur or lawes by reason hereof; we shall therfor desyer yow to resort unto our sayd very good Lord the Erle of Shrewesbery and after ye have redde and sealed our letter herein closed to hym directed to delyver it unto his Lordship and also declare unto hym as is abovesayd to thentent that we may knowe that eyther we shall be clerely dischardged of the sayd taxe or ells it to be payd withoute any further busynes; and for this cause we have nowe purposly sent up our lovyng neighburghe, Maister Greisdale, whoo hath the residewe of the said taxe behynde undyleyadle to paye the same, yf other remedy cannot be had and have gyven hym instruction to follow your advyse in all the premisses; and where the said Maister Greisdale is bounde to kepe the Sherefs harmlesse concernyng retorne of the said wrytt we are ageyne bounde by our promise to dischardge hym of his sayd bunde; also we thynk it expedient ye

[1] Discouraging.

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repayre unto Maister Theobald and Maister Smyth, our attorneys in thexchequer in the meane tyme and require theym to gett the said processe soo steyed that neyther the said (*fo.* 15b) collectors nor Shireffs remane in any danger. Moreover desyryng you that for the better obteynyng and renewyng of the commyssion for inquyrie of decay of this Citie emongs others ye will allege the ruyne of all the comons lands in York belongyng to the late chantries etc. whiche be as ye know a great decay and defacyng to the Citie both for lak of regravellyng and of pavyng of the high streets ageynst theym.

By yours assured,

William Coupland, Maier and his Brethren.

fo. 16. **Blacksmiths and Bladesmiths.**

Whereas certayne varians of late rysen betwene the crafts of bladesmythes of this Citie of thone partie and the blaksmythes of the same of thother partie for and concernyng the serche of axes, billes and other wares of strangers brought to this Citie to be sold, belongyng to eyther of the sayed twoo crafts, it is nowe therfor ordered that at all tymes herafter one of the serchars of the sayd blacksmythes and an other of the bladesmythes shall goo lovyngly togider and joyntly make serche of the wares of strangers concernyng eyther of the sayd occupacons, commyng to this Citie to be sold ; and lykewise receyve the pagiant sylver and other ther dewties accustomed of the same, thone half thereof to goe to the nedes of the sayd craft of blacksmythes and thother half of the bladesmythes.

fo. 16a. **Services in St. Thomas Hospital.**

It is nowe aggreed that Sir William Pyndar[1], chapellayne of the hospitall of Saynt Thomas without Mykilgat barre shall apon warnyng to hym gyven doo service to the poore folks within the sayd hospitall by hymself or his depute thre dayes wekely, that is to say, sunday, wedensday and fryday ; and also that the alter there shalbe furthwyth sett up agayn.

fo 17. **Repentant fishermen.**

16 November 1 Mary (1553). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 5 of the xxiv.

My Lord Maiour declared that certayn fysshermen franchised of this Citie contrary to the ordynaunce of the same had sold an delyvered dyverse pannyars of fysshe to boates apon Ouse within the liberties to be conveyed forth of the same by water to Doncaster,

[1] Pinder's Will dated 18th July, 1558, is printed in *The Guild of Corpus Christi, York* (Surtees Society), p. 305.

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etc. and bycause the sayde fysshermen refused to paye their fynes xx^{s} a pece for their said offenses they were commytted to ward ; and nowe the saied fysshermen sent for and personally commyng did openly confesse every of theym particularly that they had offended, desyryng my Lord Maiour and all the sayd presens to be good lord and maisters unto theym in mitigatyng ther fynes and they wold never offende agayne.

fo. 18. **Grant of poor-relief to a Mayor's widow.**

13 December 1 Mary (1553). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Apon the pitiefull supplicacon of my Lady Dogeson to my Lord Maiour and his Brederne consideryng her povertie it is aggreed that she shall have by way of reward of the Chambre xx^{s} to releve her for the tyme onely provyded that this be no presydent for her or any other to demande.[1]

Item concernyng the execuion of the acte for avoydyng great prices and excesse of wynes it is aggreed that my Lord Maiour, his Brederne and Common Counsell of this Cite shall mete on fryday next for appoyntyng whoo shall retayle and kepe taverns within this Citie to the number of viij accordyng to the sayd statuts.

fo. 19. **The tapiters do not keep their ordinances.**

19 December 1 Mary (1553). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that it was sufficiently proved that the tapitors of this Citie have not for the most comonly kept the just assise in the coverletts and other stuff by them wrought ne yet put ther propre marks ne sealed theym accordyng to their ordynaunes at all tymes as they ought to doo.[2]

fo. 20b. **Tax relief.**

Mary by the grace of God to the Treasourer and Chamberlaynes of our Eschequer greeting—Whereas the Parlyament holden at Westmynster the first day of Marche (7 Edward VI) there was geven and graunted unto our sayd broder the hole xv^{ths} and x^{ths} whereon to the Maiour, Citizens and Comynaltie of our said Citie of Ebor is contrybutory for the payment of one hundreth thyrtie six poundes tenne shyllyngs and six pens and one halpenny at every of th sayd xv^{ths} and x^{ths}—wee understanding the povertie of the Citizens and inhabitants of the sayd Citie and that there is a great number

[1] Below this item are the Latin words: *Not. quod recusbat dictum donum*, i.e., she refused to accept the twenty shillings. Lady Dogson was widow of William Dogson, Mayor in 1539. As was customary she retained the title of "Lady."

[2] They submit and are fined.

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of howses vacante within the same by reason of the great pestylence that was latlie there and also of great charges and expencs that the sayd Citizens is yerelie at for the good educacion of a greate numbre of power chyldren wee therefore command you our sayd Treasourer etc. that ye furthwith do levye and stryke uppon the collector or collectors of the sayd xv^{ths} and x^{ths} within the sayd Citie one taille or talles contayning the some of fyfte poundes.

fo. 21b. **Scarlet cloaks for processions.**

A Baker reviles the Council.

12 January 1 Mary (1553-4). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that every Alderman of this Citie accordyng to the auncient and laudable usage of this Citie shall before the fest of Holy Thursday next provyde theym of skarlet clokes to weare in processions and tymes accustomed apon payne of x^{li} every of theym that lakkyth the sayd cloke.

John Langton[1] in great fury with raylyng wordes answered and sayd,—"we will not obey any of your ordynaunes"—and also with a ferme voyce sayd to my Lord Maior and also the worshipfull Aldermen—"Doo what ye can for ye shall have neyther maynbread "ne anyother bread baken by us; and I will crye owte apon you at "London. And fye apon you fye apon you. Ye will beggar us" with dyverse other unsyttyng and opprobriouse words.

fo. 24. **Election of a new Mayor.**

St. Mauryday, 15 January, 1 Mary (1553-4). *Present*—William Coupland, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Comon Hall when and where the Common Counsell of the said Citie with the head serchers of the xv and xijj crafts of the same for the eleccon of the Maiour of the same Citie assemblyd in the sayd Common Hall accordyng to the Kyngs charter of election by the most voyces dyd nominate thre of thaldermen of the sayd Citie to be ellyets of the Maiour, whereof the sayd presens by there moste voyces dyd electe and chose the right worshipfull Maister John Northe, Alderman, to be Maiour of the same Citie accordynglie.

Also it was agreyd at the request of all the Commons of the said Citie assemblyd in the said Common Hall that the great chartre of the sayd Citie shall be openly redd in the said Common Hall uppon fryday the xxvj day of January next to all suche franchesyd men of this Citie as wool come to here the same.

[1] One of the bakers' ordinances had been rescinded and an older one re-enacted. It was this ordinance that roused Langton's wrath. He was sent to prison.

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fo. 28. **The Queen announces her forthcoming Marriage.**

By The Quene.

Trusty and wel beloved we grete you well ; and where it hath pleased Almighty God soo to directe our hart that a treaty of late is concluded for a marriage to be solemnised within this oure realme betwixe oure deerest cosyn the Prince of Spayne and us with such covenaunts, parts and aggrements for the preservation of the lawes, libertie, suerty and honour of our realme as may appere by tharticles herwith sent unto yow ; we understanding that certayn evyll disposed persons meanyng under pretence of mislykyng of this mariage to rebelle ageynst the Catholique religion and dyvyne service restored within this our realme and to take from us their soveraigne lady and Quene that libertie whiche is not denyed to the meanest in the choyce of their husbandes, ceasse not to sprede many false, vile and untrewe reportes of our sayd cousyn and others of that nacon movyng and styrryng our good and lovyng subjects by theis and other devyllisshe wayes to rebell and entre a newe commocon to the great perill of our person and thutter subverson of the wholle realme yf spedy remedy be not provyded ; for remedy whereof and to thentent our lovyng subjects may the better understand this unnatural conspyracie and the falce hoode thereof oure pleasure is ye shal nott onely cause the sayd artycles herewythe sent to be publyshed in al parts of that our Countye by sendynge abrode copies and suche other good meanes as ye shall thynke best, but also that youe and everie of youe taykynge diligent heade to the preservation of the peas and chardge commyttyd unto youe to cause the authours and spreaders of theis or any other falce brutes and rumours to be apprehendid, committed to warde and otherwyse punnyshed as the qualities of their offenses shall merite ; for the better doyng whereof our pleasure ys ye shall assemble togeder ymmediatlye uppon the recepte herof taykinge suche ordre for divisyon of yourselfs into sundrie hundreds and parties and for the publication of the sayd articles, admonitions of our good subjects and stays of the reste as may beste tende to the quiet of that our Countie whereby yowe shall shewe yourselfs our good and obedient subjects whiche we wilbe glad alwayes to considre towards youe as anye occasion may serve. Yeven under our signet at our Cytie of York the xxx of Januarii the fyrst yere of our reigne.[1]

fo. 31 **Quarrels of carpenters, joiners and carvers.**

St. William's Chapel. Corpus Christi play.

9 February 1 Mary (1553-4). *Present*—John North, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that where apon varyans had betwene the carpentars and joynars and carvers in the tyme of the maioraltie of Syr George

[1] The articles of the marriage treaty follow, *fo.* 28b, 29, 29b.

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Lawson, Knight, an ordynaunce was then made by all there consents that the sayd three occupacons shold be from thensforth as one occupaton and to beare lyke chardgs etc. whiche varians is of late eftsoones rysen betwyx the said occupacons and moche strife is emongs theym; wherfore for quyetnesse herafter to be had betwene the said occupacions it is nowe aggreed that the sayd ordynaunce maid in the same Syr George Lawson tyme[1] and every article therin conteyned shall frome hensforth stand in full strength and be firmly observed by every of the sayd occupacons in payne of forfayture vj^{s} viij^{d}; provided that the head serchars of the carvars shall be at the election of Maiour, Shirefs and Aldermen as well as the head serchars of the carpentars.

Item it is nowe aggreed that the glasse wyndowes, altars and other necessary thyngs of the chapell apon Ouse brig shall with convenyent spede be made up and amended of the Chambre costs by the Chamberleyns.[2]

Item that Corpus Christi playe shall (God willyng) be played this yere and billetts to be made forth as hath ben accustomed; and that thois pageants[3] that of late were left forth shall be played ageyne as before tyme they were at the chardgs of theym that were wont to bryng theym forth; and also that the xij and xxiiij and all other occupacons accustomed to have torches shall have warnyng to prepare every man for their torches ageynst the seyd Corpus Christi day.

fo. 31a. **York is thanked for readiness to help in putting down rebellion.**

To our trustie and welbeloved our Maiour and Aldermen of our Citie of York and to every of theym.

By the Quene.

Trusty and welbeloved we grete you well; and havyng by the assistance of Allmighty God and the helpe from good and lovinge subjects discomfited Wyet and thother rebells of our County of Kent, whoo having passed by the ryver at Kyngston and back ageyne towards London and were entered above Charyng Cross and there overthrowen and the most nombre of theym slayne, Wyet, three of the Cobhams, Brett, Knivet, Rudstone, Isley and other of the chefyst of thar capteyns taken prisoners; wee have thought good as well to gyve knowlege hereof to thentent ye may with us and the rest of our lovyng subjects rejoyse and God thanke for this our victorie as also further to signifie unto you that where the sayd rebells did allways pretende the matier of our mariage to

[1] See *York Civic Records*, vol. III, p. 132.

[2] "To Edmond Walkyngton and Fornes, glaysiers, for mendyng the glasse "wyndos in the chapell that was broken iiij^{s}. To Graves and Grethede, "carvers, for viij newe pylloes to the parclose in the chapell of Owsbryge and "settyng them upp iij^{s}." Chamberlains' accounts 1554.

[3] See *York Civic Records*, vol. IV, p. 176.

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be the cause of their unlawfull stir it doth nowe playnly apper by good and substantiall examinacon of dyverse of the sayd craytours that what soever ther pretence their fynall meanyng was to have deprived us frome our estate and dignitie royall and consequentlie to have destroyd our personne whiche thing as we do asserten you of our honour to be matter of truthe. So we pray you to cause the same to be published in all placs of that our Citie of York to thentent our good and loving subjects herof be no more abused with suche false pretencs and other untrewe rumor and taills by whome soever the same shalbe set furth. And nowe things beyng in this sorte quyeted we cannot but give you our hartie thanks for the redynes that youe have beyn in withe the force of our said Citie to have servyd us if neyd shuld have beyn, praying you and neverthelesse we requyer you to continue the same still in like reddynesse to be imployed for our further service uppon one howers warnyng when soever we shall requyer the same and in the mean tyme our pleasure is that youe have good regard to the quietnesse and good ordre of our sayd Citie there speciallie to the apprehencon of spreders of false and untrewe tales and rumours whereby you shall bothe deserve welle of your holle countre and also do us acceptable service which we will not fale to remembre accordynglie. Yeven undre our sygnet at our Citie of Yorke the xjth daie of February the furst year of our Reign.

And by her Counsell.

fo. 32. **All men to be ready to serve the Queen. Rules for beggars.**

11 February 1 Mary (1553-4). *Present*—John North, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 8 of the xxiv.

Agreed that every man of this Citie shall furthwith have warnyng yeven by the constables that every of them according to the purporte of the Statute therefor orderyd shall provyde hym a horse and harnes or thone of them according to the habilities to be rady to serve the Quenes majestie at all tymes within one howers warnyng.

Agreed also that no maner of beggers shalbe suffered in this Citie but suche as have dwelte in the same by the space of ij yeres ; nor also that any myghtie of bodye and hable to labour shall begg within the same.

fo. 33. **Ordinances of the Bakers.**

12 February 1 Mary (1553-4). *Present*—John North, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Hensforth it shall not (be) lawfull for any inhabitant within this Citie or suburbs of the same by theymself, thar servants or other by their commandement to buye any breade of the typlars[1]

[1] Tippler ; a tavern keeper.

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or boll bakers in any other place but onely in Thursday market at the dayes therfor lymyted.

Item that the serchars of bakers may lawfully take suche bread as they perceyve soo bought from any that haith bought or doo cary the same to thentent they may make dewe presentment therof; and yf any of the saied inhabitants, their servantes or others caring or conveying any of the same bread in their skirt or otherwise will not suffer the saied serchers peacibly to take the same to be presented as (*fo.* 33b) ys afersaied but it dothe withstande and deny, then every the saied inhabitants for whome the saied bread ys soo bought shall apon presentment forfaite iij^{s} iiij^{d}.

Item yt ys further aggreed that the saied common bakers may freely come to Thursday Market crosse and there sell there bread as other the saied typlars or bolbakers may doo mayking good bread and keping lyke assise thereof as the said typlars are bounde to doo.

Item yt ys alsoo ordined that the saied typlars or bolbakers shall not sell any bread at the saied Thursday Market in any of the dayes to theym lymited but onely from seven of the clocke in the morning unto twelve of the clock at none of the Mynster clocke stryken.

fo. 33. **Bars to be watched at night.**

25 February 1 Mary (1553-4). *Present*—John North, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 12 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that from this day there shalbe at every the four barres watche kept nightly by sex discrete, hable and honest men in harnesse by discretion of the wardens of that warde, begynnyng every night at viij of the clok and soo contynewyng unto fyve of the clock in the mornyng; and every the barres and postrons to be all that tyme surely lokked; and that the iiij officers in every warde with the constables shall nightly bryng theym to the wardens and see the sayd watch sustained and sett provyded that the sayd constables ne officers shall allowe no unfranchised man to watche without consent of the wardens; and that all howskepars of the Citie as well franchesed as unfranchesed to be chardged with the sayd watche.

(*fos.* 33-36b). Queens Proclamation ordering organization of forces to be ready in case of need.

fo. 37. **M.P.'s chosen.**

8 March 1 Mary (1553-4). *Present*—John North, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

By most voices of this presens Maister White and Maister Beane was thought most metest to be twoo of the Citizens of Parliament for this Citie to be holden next at Oxford and therfor are nowe moved to prepare theym.

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fo. 38. **Charity for a former Mayoress.**

Parliament at Oxford, business to be done there.

12 March 1 Mary (1553-4). *Present*—John North, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

It is nowe further aggreed that my Lady Hogeson, fallen in povertie, in consideracon her late husband hath borne offices and chardgs in this Cite, shall have gyven her of the Chambre in reward or charitie xx^{s} for this yere to be payed for by the Chambreleyns this Ester.

Item aggreed that Maister Beane and Maister White, Aldermen, Citizens electe for this next Parliament, to begynne the ijnd day of Aprile next and to be holden at the Cite of Oxford, shall have their dietts[1] and lyveraries for theym and their servants accustomed and x^{li} therof to be payed to theym by the Chambreleynes before their goyng up with xxvj^{s} viij^{d} for lyverie.

Item that Maister Sympson and one of the xxiiij shall ride up in company of the sayd Burgesses to make sewte for the liberties and rights of this Citie ageynst suche as do wrongfully exacte tolnes and other customes of the Citizens of this Cite contrary our chartres and specially ageynst the bailifs and officers of Boroughbrige, Rypon and Allarby in the Duche Chambre as shalbe beste dyvysed by learned counsell above, makyng the sayd Burgesses pryvay to all his procedyngs and doyngs herein.

(*fo.* 38a). Item that the sayd Burgesses and Maister Sympson shall carie up with theym the last lettres patents of the liberties of this Cite to gett the same nowe confirmed by the Quenes Majesty, with certayne instruccons from my Lord Mayour and his Bredren and Counsell for the more spede and furtherans of the same.

Item that certayne of the crafts of the xij and xv appoynted for elections of Maiour, Aldermen and Shirefs by the sayd chartre shalbe altered and changed by thadvise and discreccon of my Lord Maiour and his Bredren.

fo. 40b. **Instructions for M.P.'s.**

Letters to the Earl of Shrewsbury and to Learned Counsel.

23 March 1 Mary (1553-4). *Present*—John North, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Common Hall of this Citie with many of the honest Commonars and Comon Counsell, beyng Good Fryday, it was aggreed that Maister Beane and Maister White, Burgesses of the Parliament to be next holden at Oxford shall have up with theym the great chartre of the liberties of this Citie last confirmed to be nowe lykewise confirmed by the Quenes Majestie.

Item that there shalbe sewed for the pryvay seales or other processe as shall be best dyvysed by counsell lerned ageynst suche

[1] Diet; board, food allowance.

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as hath taken distresses wrongfully for tolne of the Citizens contrary the King's chartre and specially within the Duchie; and for better furdrans therin the sayd Burgesses lykyng to have up with theym the chartre of tolnes free confirmed by Kyngs Henry the viijth undre the Duchie seale.

Item that the sayd twoo Burgesses shall also make sewte for releax of L^{li} parcell of the first payment of the taxe of this Cite lyke as the last Burgesses and others have begon the same; and herin specially to sewe to the Earle of Shrewsbery whoo hath done most for the Cite therein and knoweth the sayd sewte from the begynyng to the endyng; and for better spede and instruction herin the sayd Burgesses to take up with theym both a copie of a bill of suplicacon to the Quenes Majestie and alsoo of a commission of Kyng Edward the sext concernyng the former sewte abowte the same.

(*fo.* 41). Too the right honorable and our speciall good lord the Earle of Shrewisbury, Lord President in the North parties.

After our humble recommendacons to your good Lordship with most hartie thanks for your goodnes at all tymes to the poore Cytie of Yorke and specially for your L. earnest paynes in helping towardes the abatement of our late tax, albeit not yet clerly determyned; we havyng full confidens that your lordship will be as good lord unto us as ye allwayes have bene doo nowe most hartely beseche your saied lordship of your good advise and help to theis our Burgesses for a fynall order and discharge in the premisses; and in this doing ye shall bynde us to our power as knoweth God, whoo longe preserve your good lordship in muche honour with prosperus health to contenewe.

From Yorke the xxvjth of Marche 1554.
Your lordships to command.
John North, Maiour of the Citie of Yorke and
his bretherin Aldermen.

(*fo.* 41b). Copie of a lettre wrytten to Maister Smyth and Maister Theobald.

After our hartie commendacons we thank you for your feythfull part at all tymes towardes the Citie of York and good counsell concerning thaffayres of the same, specially to our late Burgesses. And whereas we understand that at the delyverie of our late warrant of attorney to you ye than hadd not receyved from us v^{li} v^{s} for your fees and other expenses in thescheker accustomed, the trewth ys that we hadd sent yt upp to yowe by Maister Whippe, our sollicitour, a moneth before as this bearar cane shewe; wherefor yf ye be not payed the saied money in dewe tyme accordingly we pray yowe lett us knowe that we may otherwise provide for the spedie conveying of the same money yerely to yowe as ye shall think best. Also I pray yowe doo soo muche as gett the writte of *Extend. facias*, whiche this berare hayth, to be delyvered

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in the escheker; and yf yt lakk forme of returne to amend the same; furthermore desiering yow as ye have done to helpe theis our Burgesses in our sewts, not dowbting but they will see to your paynes therein; as knoweth God whoo kepe yow.

Frome Yorke the xxiiijth of Marche.

fo. 43. **Processions on St. George's Day, on Whit-tuesday and the morning of Corpus Christi Day.**

20 April 1 Mary (1554). *Present*—John North, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that accordyng to the auncient custome of this Cite the solempne procession (with bryngyng forth of Saynt George, a messe and sermon) shalbe had on Saynt Georgs day. And a messe and a sermon to be done at Saynt Georges Chapelle and also Saynt George that day to be brought forth and ryde as hath ben accustomed, at the Chambre costs.[1]

Item that procession shalbe also had on Wytson tewysday and provision to be made by the brigmaisters in the Chambre apon Ouse brige for my Lord Maiour, his Brederne and maisters of the cherche, the Lady Maioresse[2] with ladies and others accordyng to the old laudable custome at the chargs of the Chambre.

Item that procession on the morne after Corpus Christi day shalbe lykewise made with torches and other solemptnyties according to the old usage at chardgs of the Chambre.

fo. 44. **Report of M.P.'s. Their expenses.**

Pageant stations. Churchyard of St. Wilfrid's.

11 May 1 Mary (1554). *Present*—John North, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Maister Beane and Maister White newe come from the Quenes high court of Parliament hath declared to this presens of their procedyngs concernyng the Cite matters viz in gettyng the great chartre of the liberties of this Citie and the chartre under the Duche seale confirmed by the Quenes majestie and other process ageynst suche as wrongfully have taken tolne of our Citizens; and apon a rekonyng of the costs and expenses it appereth that the sayd Burgesses have layd forth of their owne purse for the said matters xxxvij^{li} xv^{s} viij^{d}, and also that ther is owyng theym of their dyetts and wages besyds x^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}, all ready payd theym viij^{li} viij^{s};

[1] Expenses on St. Georges day. "To Doctor Robynson that mayd the "sermond in Saynt George close iij^{s} iiij^{d}. Payd for bryngyng and carrying "home agayne the pulpytt and formes vij^{d}. To Maister Thorneton for sylver "paper for skottichons and for oyle and varmelon to the same iij^{s} iiij^{d}. For "a grate nale for St. Christofer hede ij^{d}. To the porters for beryng the "pagyant, the dragon and St. Christofer xxiij^{d}. To the King and Quene that "played xij^{d}" Chamberlain's accounts 1554.

[2] The first mention of the title "Lady Mayoress."

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soo that there is owyng the sayd Burgesses in alle xlvj^{li} iij^{s} viij^{d} whiche somme is now aggreed shalbe forthwith payed theym by the Chamberleyns viz to morrow, beynge Wytson even.

Item that thofficers of every warde gyve warnyng that suche as woll have pageants played before ther doores shall come in and aggree for theym befor Trynyte Sonday next or ells to have none ; and the placs to be appoynted by discrecon of my Lord Maiour.

Item that thexpenses of rydyng of Saynt George in procession made on his day amountyng to xxij^{s} as by a bill did particlerly appere shall be payd of the Chambre costs, and nowe it is ordeyned that the sayd procession and rydyng shall be yerely used as hath ben; and certayne of thaldermen, xxiiij and others by the discrecon of the Maiour for the tyme beyng shall goo home with hym the same day and dyne with him as my Lord Mariour hath done this yere.

It ys nowe also aggreed that Maister Golthrop shall have a dede of feoffment maide by the Maiour and Commonalte of this Citie under ther comon seale of the late cherch yarde of Saynt Wilfrids to hym and to his heyres for x^{li} with a proviso in the same that he shall lay forth a comon way or path through the same of twoo yards broad wher it shalbe moste convenyent and metest for passengers through the same.

fo. 45. **Pageant Expenses. St. Anthony's Hall to be a meeting place for Guilds. St. Wilfrid's church yard. Spiced cakes.**

18 May 1 Mary (1554). *Present*—John North, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that suche of the sadlers as doo sell any sparres, byttes or stayropes within this Cite shalbe contrbutors and paye pageant sylver to the spurriers and lorymers towards supportacon of there pageant.

It is further aggreed that suche of the carvers, joynars and carpentars as occupye any turnyng in their workes shalbe contributorie and paye xvj^{d} pageant sylver to the occupacons of turnars and ropars towards ther expenses of settyng forth pageants.

And nowe all the sayd presens did come forth of the sayd Chambre into the Common Hall of the sayd Citie, whereas the most part of the Common Counsell and serchars and other honest commonars than and there were assembled. And there by the wholle consent of the sayd Lord Maior, Aldermen, Shirefs and others of the Consell and Commonalte aforsayd it was aggreed that late Saynt Wilfrids Kirk garth shold be sold to Maister Golthrop paying therfor x^{li}.

Item that no maner of this Citie buye any spiced cakes in Saynt Marie gate or ells where apon peyne of forfayttor xx^{d}.

The serchars of the crafts suche as want metying howses hath nowe day unto the sonday fourthnyht after Trynytie sonday to

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make answere in wrightyng what every of theym will gyve yerely towards reparelling and maynteynyng Saynt Anthonyes hous, and it is to be ther metyng howse.

fo. 46. **Sedition mongers to be searched for and punished. Pageant matters.**

1 June 1 Mary (1554). *Present*—John North, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

By the Quene.

Trusty and welbeloved we grete you well; and whereas we have heretofore signified our pleasure both by our proclamacion generally and by our lettres for the good ordre and stay of that our Cite of York and the Countie of the same frome rebellion, tumultes, uprores and to have especiall regarde to vacabonds and to suche as did spriede any vague prophesies, sediciouse, false and untrue rumours and to punnyshe ther in accordyngly; we have nevertheless to oure no small greaf sundrie intelligencs of dyverse and sundarie lewde and sediciouse tales, forged and spredde by certayne maliciouse persones towchyng the state of our persone with many other vayne and slaunderouse reportes tendyng to the movyng of sedicion and rebellion, whiche faults passing unpunnysshed semeth eyther to be wynked at or at the least litill considered, whiche is unto us very straunge; we have therefor thought good eftsoones to require and commaunde youe to be not onely more circumspecte in the good orderyng of that our sayd Citie and Countie accordyng to our truste conceyved of yow, but also to use all the best meanes and wayes you can in the diligent examinyng and serchyng out from man to man the authors and publisshers of theis vayne prophesies and untrewe brutes the varey fundacon of all rebellion; and the same beyng founde to punnysshe theym as the qualitie of their offense shall appere unto yow to deserve, whereby the maliciouse sorte may be the more feared tattempt the lyke and our good lovyng subjects lyve the more in quiet.

Yeven under our signet the xxix day of May.

And by hir Counsell.

After the whiche letter soo redde and perceyved it was aggreed that certayne letters shold be made by discrecon of my Lord Mayour to sundry worshipfull (men) of the Aynsty making theym prevay to the contents of the said Quenes majestie letter and also to requyre theym therein to doo their diligence.

Aggreed that the vyntenars of this Citie shall yerely beare chardges and expenses every of theym all alyke for and to bryngyng forth of their pageant on Corpus Christi day.

Item all suche as have been or shall be franchised within this Cite by name of corne merchaunts shalbe from hensforth contributorie

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to the chardges of bryngyng forth the pageant of the skryveners and text wrighters viz St. Thomas[1].

That for that the girdlars on Corpus Christi day did not forthwith folowe with their pageant in dewe course but taried an wholle hower and more in hyndrans and stoppyng of the rest of the pageants folowyng and to the disorderyng of the same ; it is aggreed that the said girdlars shall pay x^s^.

fo. 49. **The Forces of the City to be made ready for immediate service.**

6 July 1 Mary (1554). *Present*—John North, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

It is aggreed that certayne places of the newe werke[2] in the water of Ouse shall be forthwith reparelled by discrecon of my Lord Maiour of the Chambre costes.

(*fo.* 49b). By the Quene.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete you well. Forasmuch as it is most necessarie to forsee and provide for the safty of our realme and subjects ageynst all sodeyn attempts of foreyne enemyes or traytours and also that our redynesse and good foresight shalbe a terrour to the enemy if any shold be ; therfor we have thought good to wille and requyre you and neverthelesse to commande you that quyetly and withowt any open muster or stirre of our subjects prepare yourselfs and also cause all other our subjects within our Citie of York and the County of the same latly by yow certified to be furnished with harnesse to be in a redynesse to serve us upone houres warnyng as occason shall requyer. Faile ye not herof as ye tendre thadvauncement of our service. Yeven under our signet at Sheffield the xxx^th^ day of June.

And by hir Counsell.

By virtue of this letter it was dyvised and aggreed by my Lord Maiour and his worshipfull Consell in thabsens of my Lord Wharton, another of the said commissonars, that copies or billetts shold be forthwith made by the Common Clerk of the certificats of every paroche and towne within the sayd Citie and County therof to be delyvered to the constables, and that they then streightway shall gyve warnyng and charge in the Quenes name to every of the sayd parochanors and inhabitants in the sayd Cite to serve hir Grace within an howers warnyng accordynge to theyre sayd late certificats and not to faille at thar extreme perell.

fo. 50b.

18 July 1554. *Present*—John North, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

[1] Added in a different but contemporary hand.
[2] See *York Civic Records*, vol. IV, p. 157n.

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Aggreed that the buttre in the Comon Hall shalbe mendyd and reparellyd where as neyd shall requier.[1]

fo. 56. **Selling at a fixed price.**

12 September 1 and 2 Philip and Mary (1554) *Present*—John North, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 1 of the xxiv.

Mem. that at the next assemble thar be moved an ordre to be taken for punyshment of suche persones as will not sell salt, coale, etc., brought up to the stathe at my Lord Maiour price but take it up.

fo. 57. **The Joiners and Carpenters.**

Feast of St. Mathew 1 and 2 Philip and Mary (1554).

Assembled in the Common Hall first all the sayd presens enterd the Counsell Chambre of the same Hall when and where apon a supplicacon to theym exhibited by the whole occupacon of joynars and carpentars, by reasonable consideracon and good advyse it was aggreed that none free of the same crafts within this Citie usyng throwyng or turnyng in their works shall be contributorie nor pay any thyng to the occupacons of ropars and turnars of the same towards chardgs of any pageant but shalbe from hensfurth therof quyet ageynst the sayd ropars and turnars; provyded allway that if any the sayd carpentars, carvars or joynars doo throwe or turne bolles, disshes, wheles, chayers or suche lyke stuffe as perteynith onely to the turnars craft than every suche to paye pageant sylver to the sayd ropars and turnars accordyngly.

fo. 60. **Nomination of M.P.'s.**

16 October 1 and 2 Philip and Mary (1554). *Present*—John North, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

The Kyng and Quenes majesty wrytte for eleccon of Burgesses of this Citie for this next Parliament to begynne the xijth of Novembre with a speciall lettre from the Quenes majesty and hir honorable consell in theis North parties was openly redde and apon motion by my Lorde Maiour whome they toke to be most metest to serve for this Citie, it was thought by most voyces that Maister Holme and Maister Cowpland, Aldermen, were at this tyme most fytte for that purpose and to be elete Burgesses of this Citie and County of the same at the next County day accordyng to theffect of the sayd wrytt.

[1] "To John Wylkinson, wright, for stuff and mendyng a doble dour at "the high deas ther xij^{d}. For a newe forme and for fotyng of ij formes in the "Common Hall xviij^{d}. To John Horncliff for carrying leade frome my Lorde "Mayer to the Mynster to be cast in webbs for the Common Hall. To Nycholes "Norres, joyner, for stuffe and workemanships for makyng the trellys abowte "the lover in the Common Hall v^{s}." Chamberlain's accounts 1554.

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fo. 62. **Commons asked for instructions to the M.P.'s.**

31 October 1 and 2 Philip and Mary (1554). *Present*—John North, Mayor, and 5 others.

Assembled in the Common Hall with a good company of the honest Commoners of thys Citie, whan and where my Lord Mayour declared unto theym of the goyng up of the Burgesses to the Parliament on Monday next, and willed theym if any thyng they could devyse to be sewed above by the seyd Burgesses for the worship, amendment and profite of this Citie they wold cast thar heades togider and articlat suche thyngs as they thought good to be done by the same Burgesses; wherapon the sayd Commons desyred respect[1] of advysment and to bring in wrightyng to my Lord Mayour suche matters as they thynke mete to be labored for by the Burgesses for profit of this Cite unto Saturday next at Ouse Brigg.[2]

fo. 63. **Riot at Oxton. Refractory Drapers.**

The widow of a Chamberlain.

9 Novembre 1 and 2 Philip and Mary (1554). *Present*—John North, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 10 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that a certayne ryot wherof informacon was nowe gyven by the Shireffs officers of this Citie to be latly commytted within the towne of Oxtone in the Aynsty shall accordyng to the statute be inquyred of at a pryvay sessions therfor forthwith to be somoned in discrecon and appoyntment of my Lord Mayour.

Item where by thordynaunes of taylors and drapers of this Citie every one occupieng as master of eyther the sayd twoo crafts within this Citie shall be contributorie to the chardgs of bryngyng forth of their pageant on Corpus Christi day and torches about the sacrament etc. accordyng as hath ben used to be assessed in the sayd occupacons. And nowe it is presented to my Lord Maiour and all this presens that Ed. Grenbery, George Diconson, Thomas Brodds and John Jakson, drapers, will in no wise pay their pageant money apon theym dewly sessed, but do obstinatly refuse the same to the great encoragyng of such lyke wilfull persons and disordre in the sayd crafts.[3]

In consideracon that the wife of John Scotson, bocher, one of the Chamberleynes of this Citie latly decessed is knowen to be leaft a very poore woman and havyng her sayd husband dead within three weeks after he was chosen in to the sayd offfce of Chambreleyn; nowe therfor apon hir pitieful complaynt unto my Lord Maior, Aldermen, etc. it is aggreed that she paying iiij^{li} dewe for the sayd hir husband exoneracons to thands of thother Chambrelaynes

[1] Respect; time for.

[2] Note in margin. "Not. nothyng was brought by the sayd Commons but onely one remembraunce by the maister of S. Anthonyes for the Kyng and Quene's lycens to gather to be obteyned."

[3] If they refuse to pay they are to shut up their shop windows.

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befer Saynt Andrew day next shall have xl^{s}, half therof gyven hir ageyne provyded allwayes that this be no president for the lyke case herafter.

fo. 63b. **Ordinances of Bookbinders.**

Ordynaunes of the bookbyndars, otherwise called stationars, of the Citie of Yorke dyvysed and made at the instance and humble request of Thomas Richardson, John Typlad and others the day and yere abovesayd (*fo.* 64). First that no man of the saied occupacion shall take any to be apprentice for lesse terme than seven yeres to be fully ended.

Item that no man shall sett up nor occupie of the said craft neyther for hymself nor none other without that he have bene seven yeares prentic within the saied Citie at the occupacon or ells doo aggree therfor with the Chambre and occupacon.

Item yf soo be that any apprentice doo unjustly bribe or convey of his maister goodes to the valewe of xij^{d} and it sufficiently proved than he to occupie no more of thoccupacon within the Citie of York.

Item that no stranger or foriner shall sell any book or bookes within this Citie except freemen of this Citie.[1]

fo. 71. **Financial matters.**

21 January (1554-5). *Present*—John North, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the last collectours of the taxe of this Citie shall on Moneday in the secunde week of Lent nexy delyver in to my Lord Mayour and his bredern thaldremen to the common use fyfty ponds of the sayd taxe remaynyng at the present in theire hands and therapon the Mayour and Commonaltie to be bonde by their obligacon undre common seale of the Citie to the sayd collectours to kepe theym harmlesse ageynst the Kynge and Quenes majesties for and concernyng the said l^{li}.

It is further aggreed that fourty ponds shalbe taken forth of the common treasure nowe remaynyng in the cofers of this Citie with the Chamberlaynes and delyvered to my Lord Mayour for the tyme beyng and kepe saffly under ij or three keyes, whereof one to the custody of my sayd Lord Mayour and thother ij keyes of twoo other substancial discrete persones to be therunto appoynted to thentent that that the sayd x^{li} may be used accordyng to Girdlyngtons will, that is to say, lent to Citizens apon gages of plate, yron, waxe etc. as in the sayd Girlyngtons will is more playnly expressed.

[1] For earlier ordinances see *York Civic Records*, vol. III, p. 184.

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fo. 73. **Ordinances of the Carpenters and Joiners.**

25 January 1 and 2 Philip and Mary (1554-5). *Present*—John North, Mayor, 12 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

First that every apprentice in eyther the saied occupacons shall from hensforth paye for their entre into the felowshipe of the said occupacons ij^{s} vj^{d} ; and whan the yeres of such apprentyce is expired than he to pay for his entre and admittens in the same felowship iij^{s} iiij^{d} accordyng to the statute therof made anno xxij Hen. viii.

Item that every forynar and stranger that have not ben prentice within the saied Citie shall pay for his entre into their felowshyp ij^{s} vj^{d} and at the tyme when he shalbe habled by the serchars as sufficient workman than he to make habling dynnar according to the ancient custome used amongs the saied occupacons of this Citie or ells to pay xij^{s} in money to behofe of thoccupacons at choyse of him that is soo habled.

Item that none of the saied occupacons at their assembles or meetinges shall speake or talk or take the tale forth of an other mans mowth but to kepe sylence at commaundement of the serchars apon peyne to forfait for every such offence ij^{d}.

Item that no man of the saied occupacons shall take any apprentice for lesse or fewer than seven yeres apon peyne of vj^{s} viij^{d}.

fo. 73b. **Sheriff's Court order.**

For better spede of justice to be had in the Shirefs court apon Ousebrig it is nowe ordeyned that freemen of this Citie shall have no more summons gyven theym in any accon personable but from hensfurth shalbe arrested and sett surety to thaccon or ells remayne in ward ; provyded always that the defendants in this case shall pay to the Shiref or his officers neyther fee nor fyne for the sayd arrest ; and then the playntif in this case to paye onely as they were wont to doe for that summons ; and at the next assemble in the Common Hall the Common Counsell of this Citie to be made pryvay to this ordre ; and also Maister Recordars advise to be further had herin and for avoydyng suche other lyke dylayes in the sayd court.

fo. 74a. **Rejoicing ordered for being reconciled to Rome.**

Bonfires to be lit.

8 February (1554-5). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 11 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

By the Kyng and Quene.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete you welle ; and where by the speciall favour of Allmyghty God many and sundry great matters towchyng our Christian faith and a godly concord with the rest of Christendome have in our late Parliament with one

assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall and other our loving subjectes bene agread uppon and established wherby this our hole realme and all our loving subjectes of the same beyng delyvered by authoritye of the Popes holynesse from all sentencys of interdiction, excomunycation and other censures of the Church be nowe restored agayne to Godes favour and the unytie of our mother holy Church as by the bulles of our deare cousyn the most reverend father in God the Lord Cardinall Poole, Legate *de latere* from the saied Popes holynesse, more fully appereth, like as we consyderyng howe muche we bothe for this and other innumerable benefyts of Almighty God aboundanntly poured uppon us doo humbly knowledge ourselfes of all others most bounden to thanke, prease and serve hym all the dayes of our lyfe; soo beyng desyrous that all our subjectes of every degree myght so exercise theym selfes in prayer, fastyng and workes of charytie as they may shewe theym selfs trewe children of the holy Catholik Church wher unto they be now reconsyled by other our lettres to the Bysshoppes of this our realme praied theym to exhorte my subjectes and gyve ordre therein wherunto we doubt not we shalbe made prevye; and to thentente the common people may likewise for their parties declare the joye and gladnes which they ought justly to conceyve for thys reconsiliacon and unityng of this realme to the rest of Christiandome we have thought good to require you to gyve ordre throughout that our Citie of Yorke and liberties of the same for makyng of bonefyers in all places convenyent for a demonstracon of their rejosyng for the good succes of the premisses; wherof we require you not to faile. Yeven under our signet at Sheffield the vjth day of February.

And by their Counsell.

(*fo.* 74ab). After whiche lettre openly redde it was aggreed that warnyng shall be gyven for bonefiers to be made within this Citie on Sonday at night next accordyngly with rejoysyng and thanksgyvyng to God for his mercyfullnesses nowe and alle tymes.

Also when James Wylkynson, one of the Shirefs baylifs of the Aynsty hath nowe declared that Henry Shawe, officer to my Lord Wharton in Helagh did with force rescusse from hym one taken there by virtue of the Shirefs warrant of this Citie in prejudice of the liberties of the same; for soo moche as the sayd Lord Wharton hath at all tymes hytherto shewed hynself beneficiall unto this Citie it is nowe therfor aggreed that at his commyng home frome London he shall be sent unto and enformed of the sayd unlawfull rescusse.

(*fo.* 74ac). **Proclamation about ordering of Markets.**

Unlawful games. Relief of the poor.

My Lord Mayour chardgeth and commaundeth in the King and Queene our soveraigne lord and lady names that no man shall sett up any maner of grayne in howses, shoppes, entrees nor in any

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other place on the market day but in the marketts ; nor no man, free nor forayne, shall receyve any grayne of strangers into their howses apon peyne of forfayture of vj^{s} viij^{d} without any pardone.

Also that all maner of men that come to the Citie with malt shall goo to the malt market in Conistreet and there sett yt downe to sell ; and that no man or woman commyng to the saied place with malt make any sale to any man, Citizen or dwellar within the same Citie afore tenne of the clocke of every market day and at that howr to twelve of the clocke to sell their saied malt to Citizens franchised men and dwellars within the saied Citie onely ; and, aftre twelve of the clocke every market day to sell at their liberties as well to denizens as foreyne and lawfull bagers, and that no such bagers nor foreyns buye any malt afore xij of the clock every market day be striken apon peyne of forfaiture the same malt by theyme so bought afore the saied hour of xij as ys aforesaied.

Item that no man shall goo hawkyng abowt this Cite with their malt for to sell of the market dayes, but come onely to the saied market therunto assigned and there to sell yt apon peyne of forfaiture the saied malt.

And also that thois that are accustomed and haith sold any malt to franchised men that they bring that malt to their accustomers apon Monday, Wednesdai and Fryday and not on the market dayes for yf they doo they shall bring the saied malt to the saied market place there to be sold apon peyne of forfayture the saied malt.

(*fo.* 74ad). Also that no maner persone regrate or forstall within the saied marketts or any other place within this Citie or liberties of the same any maner of grayne or victells apon the peyne and forfayture therefor provyded.

Furthermore that no maner of persone use nor have within this Citie or liberties of the same any bowle skarres nor use any bowling, cardyng, dysyng or any other unlawfull gaymes contrary to the statuts therof made but to provide theym of bowe and arows and exercyse shotyng in the long bowe accordyng to the good acts therof made apon penalties conteyned in the saied statuts at their peril.

And for avoydyng of vacabunds and good ordre to be had within this Citie and liberties of the same concernyng the very poore and impotent, it is nowe aggreed that on moneday next the wardens shall mete every of theym within their owne warde and apon vyewe and examynacon of the poore, aged and impotent persons within their wardes to admytte and allowe by their discrecons suche as are to be releifed accordyng to the statuts ; and thothers eyther to be compelled to wirk for ther livyng or ells be avoyded this Citie and punnysshed ; and in the meane tyme every constable to have warnyng gyven theyn by my Lord Maiour's

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officers to gyve their attendans apon the sayd wardens this sayd monday at an howr by the sayd wardens to be appoynted, bryngyng with theym every the poore folke within their constableship and billetts of thar names to thentent that the sayd constable may alsoo knowe of the sayd wardens their further order and commandment in the premisses.

Item it is aggreed that thar shalbe appoynted suche honest persones to the rowmes of the iiij maister beggars as are hable and will dyligently see to the avoydyng of vacabunds and good ordre (*fo.* 75) emongs the poore suche as shalbe soo allowed; and in consideracon that the sayd iiij maister beggars shalbe the moore paynfull and diligint therin and ready to enform the sayd constables of all maner vacabunds from tyme to tyme to be punysshed and none to goo beggyng in any warde contrary to thordre of the wardens, it is nowe aggreed that every the sayd iiij maister beggars from hensfurth shall have over and besyds ther lyveries accustomed every of theym fyve shillyngs apece to be payd yerely of the Chambre costs.

For some towardnesse of cloth makyng to be had within this Citie it is nowe aggreed that every the wardens within thar owne ward shall by their discrete meanes gett knowledge of suche iiij or v honest persons of every ther wardes as will take apon theym and be mete to make cloth and to have a certayne stocke delyvered unto theym for the same purpose; and the sayd wardens to make relation of their doyngs herin at the next assemble to thentent that further order may be had therin.

fo. 76. **A dilapidated house. Insulting behaviour at the Mayoral election.**

15 February 1 and 2 Philip and Mary (1554-5) *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that according to the statute for decaed[1] howses made in the two and thirtye yere of King Henry the eight proclamacon shalbe forthwith made by my Lord Maior and Shirefs of thys Citie in and apon one desolate tenement or decaed dwelling hows adjonyng to the open street at the west ende of Ouse brige (whiche being well nigh fallen downe) is now a great defacing of the saied Citie, that yf the ownars and possessynars[2] of the decaed tenement aforesaied doo not within iij yere next after the sayd proclamacon made rectifye and build up the saied tenement convenient for a dwelling hows than the lord therof after the saied iij yeres may entre and have the same to hym and his heires for ever and soo forth—the effecte of the sayd statute.

[1] *The Statutes of the Realm*, III, 768.
[2] Possessynars; possessors.

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For soo moche as Thomas Bowes, mylner, on the late swearyng day in open presens of my Lord Mayour, Aldermen and Commonaltie of the sayd Cite than assembled in the Common Hall at the same self tyme that the newe Mayour shold have layd his hand on the booke to sweare did presumtuosly steppe forth within the barres of the Escheker there and in the mowth of all the commons with a lowde voyce sayed—Spare he shall not be sworne unto we knowe farther of his pleasure, for the Commons wold first knowe what good acts ye have made for theym—with other lyke unsittyng and disobedient woordes in perill of a present uprore and sedicon of all the resydewe and evyll example and encoragyng of lyke offendars herafter if some condigne punyshment shold not herin be had; wherapon the sayd Bowes nowe comyng before all the presens and confessyng the premysses was commytted to prisone in Blakhall[1] there to remayne by the space of one weeke.

(*fo.* 76b). Mem. that Maister Holgait, Chamberlyn, did nowe say that he heard John Ellis on the swearyng day before my Lord Mayour was bond to take his othe saye—wee woll not have you sworne yet unto you have granted us our request[2].

fo. 76a. **New badges for the poor. An attorney dismissed.**

The disorder at the Mayoral election.

18 February 1 and 2 Philip and Mary (1554-5). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 11 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Item that newe badges shall be made on sheilds for suche the poore as be admytted to have releif, soo many for every warde with their dyfferent as shalbe thought convenyent by the wardens.

Item it is alsoo aggreed that John Fysshor, one of thattornayes of the Shireffs Court apon Ouse brigg, for his synyster consell and procuryng wrongfull sewts, threatnyng and braggyng[3] dyverse persones, most lyke a common barrettour[4], and wyth his unsyttyng langage and disobedient behavor disquyetyng ofte tymes the wholle court and other his mysdemeanours ageynst my Lord Mayor and Sherifs shall therfore be dischardged of his sayd office of attorney.

(*fo.* 76ab). Where as it hath ben credably enformed my Lord Mayour and his Bretherne that Robert Staneburne at the assemble of the Citizens in the Common Hall on the swearyng day was one of the chief and busyest emongs a sort of lewde and willfull persons then confederat and purposyng in open resistence and sedicon; and that the sayd Robert had than and there moche unsyttyng langag, braggyng and querellyng with dyverse honest

1 *Blakhall.* Probably the notorious Low Prison at Ouse Bridge, "a Blackhole" damp, cold and dark.

2 Ellis was committeed to "Monk ward" for a week.

3 Braggyng; boasting to.

4 Barrettour; a barratour was a brawler.

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and substantiall persones, and namely with George Hall, merchant, on whome in his rage he than and ther made assalt and violently pulled hym by the gowne saying—there are as honest as you will be ageynst thys, had they as moche goodes as yow—with oyther cruell behavour and talke to the great feare of the sayd honest citizens.[1]

Item John Cellerar, mylner, lykewise knowne to be full of sediciouse wordes and presumptouse behavor emongs the sayd rude and heady sort on the sayd swearyng day, emongs other his lewde talke sayeng than openly in the Hall thar—if any wold come to his hous and arrest hym he wold thrust a dagger in hym.

fo. 78. **Pulling down property. Aldermen to wear tippets to the Minster.**

21 February 1 and 2 Philip and Mary (1554-5). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that where as John Preston, cowper, hath begonne to take downe certayne back howses of a tenement in Myklegat, called the Bull, contrary thordynaunces of this Citie he shall buyld up agayne the same.

Item it is aggreed that from hensforth every Alderman that shall come to accompaigne my Lord Mayour in the Mynster or Common Hall on Sondays or on other dayes at commandement of my sayd Lord shall wear, every of theym, their typpett apon peyne of forfayt iiij^{d}.

fo. 79. **A sham fight on Shrove Tuesday.**

8 March 1 and 2 Philip and Mary (1554-5).

Item where dyverse the honest yong men of this Citie on Shrove tewysday last to showe my Lord Mayour and Aldermen and wholle Comonaltye of this Citie honest and pleasant pastyme, one sorte in defendyng a fort and thother in makyng thassaults were at chardges in dyvisyng and preparyng the same—they shall have towards their chargds in reward of the Chamber costs tenne shillyngs.

(*fo.* 79b). Aggreed that the late chapell on Fossebrigg and kychen at Saynt Anthonyes shalbe from henseforth the storehowses of this Citie.

fo. 80. **Breaking glass windows. Payment of toll.**

15 March 1 and 2 Philip and Mary (1554-5). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor and 11 Aldermen (In the Cathedral Church of St. Peter).

[1] Staneburne is sent to prison for a fortnight.

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First as concernyng the riotouse breking the glase wyndos in this Citie inquiry shalbe mayd where one Taner, lait sarvaunt to William Pullayn of Skotton, one of the cheyf offenders therin, may be founde, and one attachement to be gotten owte of the Castell directyd to the Sherryf and all other offycers to attache of the Chambres cost.

Item that William Skarboro, heryngman of Yarmouth, shall pay lastaige accordyng as haithe be used or ells to take his distresse ; and like so of suche inhabytants of Beverley as haith bought corne to the staithe shall pay tolle for so muche as they take tolle of the citizens of York at Beverley and in these twoo causes Maister Recorder avyse to be hadd.

fo. 81. **Fishing under Ouse Bridge.**

18 March 1554-5. *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 11 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Certayne articles of aggreament made by my Lord Maiour and Aldermen in the Mynster the xv^th^ day of this present Marche as here in this booke is before mencioned was now redde before all this presens and by theym in all poynts well allowed.

Item that the fysshyng of the Kyng und Quenes bowe under Ousebrige shalbe leased to the most advauntage for the Chambre yf any wyll take the same.

fo. 82. **Defective bridges in the Ainsty to be viewed.**

30 March 1 and 2 Philip and Mary (1555). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 1 of the xxiv.

Item where as afore this tyme one or twoo bridges within the Aynsty have ben presented defectyve and promesse have ben made for amendement of the same but no amendement yet had in dede ; and albeit dyverse other bridges in the high wayes within the sayed Aynsty be notably decayd to the great nusans of passengers, and although the jurie of the Aynsty chardged every session to inquyre and present the same, yet they woll make no maner presentement thereof ; it is nowe therfor aggreed that my Lord Mayor, Maister Recorder (and seven others, J.P.'s in the Ainsty), shall on Wednesday after Low Sonday next ryde through the sayd Aynsty begynnyng at viij of the clock in the mornyng to ryde towards Popleton yate, and so forth as occason shall serve with advyse of the worshipful gentlemen and others the most honest of the same to survey all such the sayd broken bryggs and waies adjoynyng to the same bryggs ; and therapon accordyng to statut made in the xxij[1] of H. viij to take further order for the spedy amendement of the same.

[1] *The Statutes of the Realm*, III, 321.

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fo. 82a. **Letter from the Recorder asking that the visit to Ainsty bridges be postponed.**

(*fo.* 82a). [1]Ryght wirshypful and my very good Lord Mayre after deu recomendacon unto yow; wher as ye have appoynted to view the bryggs and causay frome Poppylton yayts unto Skypbryg of weddynsday next after Low sonday sence my commyng home I have perusyd my remembrancs and promysses maide before Lent wherby I do perceyve that the same day I have appoynted to be at Dorham; therfor this shalbe to requyer your Lordshyp to appoynt the monday or tewysday the last day of Apryll and yff your Lordshyp be so contentyd I shall make labour to Master Wylstrop to kepe day accordyngly; and that it may please you to spare makyng of proces to tewsday or weddyssday after Palme sonday I desyer your Lordshyp to ascerteyne me by this berer. And thus I byd your L. well. Frome Burghbryg this ij^{de} of Apryll.

William Tankard.

fo. 83. **Tax collection in the York parishes.**

Extreat concernyng the colleccon and levieng of the hole fyftene and tenth graunted to our sovereign lord King Edward the sext.

MYKLITHWARDE.

(iij^{li} viij^{s})

Furste the paryshe of our Lady thold and (xx^{s})

Clementhorpe	iiij^{li}	viij^{s}	
Item the paryshe of our Lady of Bysshophill newe		xxvj^{s}	viij^{d}
Item the paryshe of Trinits in Myklygate ...	iiij^{li}	iiij^{s}	viij^{d}
Item the paryshe of Saynt Gregorye ...		xxxvj^{s}	xj^{d}
Item the paryshe of St. John at Owsebrige end	viij^{li}	xiij^{s}	iiij^{d}
Item the paryshe of Alhallos in Northestreete	vj^{li}	x^{s}	
Item the paryshe of St. Martyns in Myklygate	iiij^{li}	iiij^{s}	v^{d}

Sum of the said warde xxxi^{li} iiij^{s}.

BOWTHOME WARDE.

Item of St. Martyns parishe in Conyngstrete	vj^{li}	xviij^{s}	viij^{d}
Item St. Wylfryds parishe		liij^{s}	viij^{d}
Item St. Ellyng parishe in Stayngate ...	v^{li}		
Item St. Mighell parishe le Belfray	ix^{li}	xviij^{s}	viij^{d}

Sum of this warde xxiiij^{li} xj^{s}.

fo. 83b.

WALMEGATE WARD.

Item of St. Mary parishe in Castelgate ...	v^{li}	x^{s}	
Item St. Mighells parishe at Owsebrige end	xij^{li}		
Item Alhallos parishe in Owsegate	vij^{li}		
Item the parishe of Peter layn lytle ...	iij^{li}	viij^{s}	iiij^{d}

[1] This letter is in Tancred's handwriting.

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Item Crux parishe in Fossegate	xij^{li}		
Item Saynt Denyse parishe	v^{li}	viij^{s}	
Saynt Margaret parishe xxxv^{s} viij^{d}. Saynt Lowerance parishe xx^{s}. St. Nycolas parishe in Walmegate v^{s}. St. George parishe ij^{s}. St. Ellyn parishe ij^{s} vj^{d}. Allallos parishe in Fisshergate ij^{s} vj^{d} St. Peter parishe in the Wyllos xij^{s} St. Edwards parishe vij^{s} ...	iiij^{li}	vj^{s}	viij^{d}

Sum of this warde xlix^{li} xiij^{s}.

MONKEWARDE.

Item Trinitie parishe in Godromgate ...	iij^{li}	vj^{s}	
Item Saynt John of Pyke parishe	iij^{li}	vj^{s}	
Item Saynt Andro parishe		xv^{s}	
Item Saynt Ellyn on the Walles		xv^{s}	
Item Saynt Johns in Hundgate		iij^{s}	vj^{d}
Item Saynt Marys in Laithrop		iiij^{s}	
Item Saynt Cuthbuts parishe		iij^{s}	
Item Allhallos in Peaseholme		iij^{s}	vj^{d}
Item St. Maurice in Mongate		xxvj^{s}	viij^{d}
Item Saynt Savyour parishe		xl^{s}	
Item Saynt Sampsons parishe	vij^{li}		
Item Crysts paroche	xij^{li}		

Sum of the said ward xxxj^{li} iij^{s} viij^{d}.

[1]Summa totalis of the holle tax of the said Citie cxxxvj^{li} xj^{s} viij^{d}.

fo. 85. **Pageants and processions. The Red Tower to be repaired. New Gallows.**

2 April 1 and 2 Philip and Mary (1555). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that this yere Corpus Christi play shalbe played as ben [accustomed] and billetts of every pageant to be delyvered forth incontynently ; and that processon shalbe the day next after Corpus Christi day with torches and other solempnyties as was the last yere.

Item the procession shall alsoo be had on Saynt Georgs daye and a messe and a sermon at St. Georgs chapell and Saynt George to ride that same tyme as was done the last yere of the Chambre costes.

Item the processon shall be on Wytson tewysday ; and provision to be made by the brigmaisters in the chambre apon Ouse brig for my Lord Mayour, his Brethern and maisters of the Cherch and for my Lady Mayores and ladys with others accordyng as was done the last yere. And further that this yere they shall

[1] *Note*—Yet is there payd in thexchequer but cxxxvj^{li} x^{s} vj^{d}. ob. and so the collectors has xiij^{d} ob.

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provyde also of white cappes as hath ben used afortyme of the Chambre costes.

Item the redde tower apon Fosse syde shalbe forthwith reparelled by the Chambrelaynes and suche lead as was remaynyng in Maister North hand shalbe bestowed apon the same ; and that then the sayed redde tower shalbe lessed togidre with the inner moat adjoynyng therunto to suche as will gyve most.

fo. 85b.

Item it is aggreed that the Kyngs bowe, with fyshing therof shalbe lessed to any that will gyve xx^{s} rent for the same ; and that frome hensfurth no man forynn or others shall fasten their boates or other vessells to the arches or any other part of the brig.

Item that the Chambrelaynes shall pay of the Chambre money for the galowes nowe newly sett up agayne at Knavesmyre in the place there accustomed.

Item that from hensforth no inholder or others shall lodge any maner of persone havyng no speciall busynesse knowne above ij dayes and ij nights; except he informe my Lorde Mayour or wardens of hym.

(*fo.* 86). Item that John Meltonby be sent for to pay a fyne for two great trees, thone an oke and thother an esshe, late growyng apon the common grounde in his occupacon and by hym wrongfully felled downe and caryed away at discreccone of my Lord Mayour.

Law breakers to be punished.

By the Kyng and Queene.

Trusty and well beloved we grete you welle ; and where of late tyme partly for want of the service of God and partly for lack of good ordre and dewe execution of the lawes the common sorte of people within this our realme have growen to suche libertie and insolence as they have not let at sondrye tymes to attempt dyverse sturres and rebellions contrary to ther deuties of allegiance to ther greate trouble and dysquiet of us and our hole realme, we therfore remembryng that the tyme of the yere is nowe at hand wherin theis dysorderes ar wont to be most dangerus and be therfore the rather necessarie to be forsene and avoyde in tyme, and consideryng ther withall that a greate parte or rather the hole remydye of thes inconvenyencs resteth in yowe unto whom as to persones of most trustye in those parties the ordre and governement of that countrye is comitted, have thought good to put (*fo.* 86b) yowe in remembrance therof to thend ye may the rather have regarde unto the charge committyd unto yowe whiche we require and commande you to doo in suche deligent sorte as may be aunswerable to the trust repossed in you, byndyng your hole studie and industrie to the conservacon of the peace and doynge of justice ; and for that purpose not onely

to se instructions herwith sent unto yowe diligently observed and executed in everye poynt but also to devise suche further ordre for the goode quiet of your countrie as ye shal thynk convenient and to thentent that suche as ye shall fynd to be manifest ordres of the lawe may not passe longe unpunnyshed, we wyll and commande you to certifie our right trustie and most wellbeloved coson and councillor the Erle of Shrewsburie, lord president of our Counsell establyshyed in the Northe parts and in hys absens to his vice president and the reste of our sayd Counsell there of all your doyngs in the premisses from tyme to tyme requiring you to rose thauthoritie and charge presently committed unto you in suche sorte as may be aunswerable to the gode opynion we have conceived of you and encourage our faithfull and lovyng subjects to go forwardes in their well doynge and feare the lewed and dysordred sorte from attempting of the contrary. Yeven under our signet at our said Citie the last day of March the furst and seconde yeres of our Reigne.

And by there Counsell.

fo. 88b. **An ex-Mayor daily provoked.**

10 May 1 and 2 Philip and Mary (1555). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Where as Maister North, late Mayour of this Citie, hath nowe declared what insolent, querelouse, stubborn and manacyng gesture and behavour Doctor Stephen Turle and his wife doth dayly use agaynst hym provokyng hym purposely to fall forth with theym ; it is nowe aggreed that they shalbe bounde to good abearyng ageynst the sayd Maister North.

fo. 91. **Midnight adventure. Monk bar Keys taken.**

18 May 1555. *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff.

William Hosyar, late of Lyncolne, servyngman, taryeng in this Citie, withowt any maister, occupacon or lands or fees to lyve apon, was nowe examyned ; and therapon sayng that he was borne and brought up in Lyncoln with his moder unto he was xvi yeres old and went to scoole there ; and then havyng no craft went to service and syns hath served dyverse gentlemen as well in the south contrey as in Lyncolne shire, where he last served one Maister Kelke iij quarters of a yere ; and a lytle after Christmas last came from hym hither to York apon none other occasion but to seek service and inhabitt here, and had in his purse at his sayd commyng hither xx^{s} and xvj^{s} viij^{d} and was and is yet lodged at one Wale, shoemaker, where by chanse he came in acquayntance with Agnes Clerk alias Watson, wydowe, in way of mariage ; and ever syne for the most part hath remayned here sewtyng in the spirituall law for the sayd Agnes Clerk, wydow, usyng all hys tyme

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most commonly in his hosts hows and in certayne other company as Maister Farby, senior, Edmund Dobson, etc. ; and all this while abowte the seyd sewte and otherwise he sayeth he hath spent xxj^{li} or there abowts, over and besyds iiij^{li} that he doeth yet owe within this Citie ; whiche money he sayeth his moder and other his frends in Lyncolne and Lyncolnshir hath helped hym with ; and further saying that on Saturday at night last beyng the xj of this May he chansed to be at Trystram Lytstars hows in company with one Shawe, Gawyn, Bulyman and others and there were makyng mery and drynkyng unto abowte xj of the clock at night that this examinat, the seyd Gawyn, Bulyman and George man-servant to the seyd Lytster went forth to Laythrop posterne to thentent to have gone owte there to fetch a gridron that this examinat had at a certeyn hows withowt the seyd posterne ; and fyndyng the posterne doore lokked and no man there they consulted to goe to Monkbar to goe forth there ; and whan they were come thider they could see no man at the same bar ; and than Bulyman (*fo.* 91b) seeyng a light in an hows went in through an entrie and there founde all the watchemen aslepe and perceyving the keyes of the barres there toke theym away with him, and came forth to thothers and told theym therof; and soo went to the barr and opened the wycket with one of the seyd keyes and issued forth therat ; and soo went towards Leythrop and there gatt his grydron, and then went over the close and within a quarter of an hower returned in ageyn at the forseyd wycket ; and thens came up by Maister Gale doore and downe Stangat through Coniestreet ; and soe ageyne to Trystrame Lytsters ; and went not to bedd that night but that a lytle space they lay downe apon a bedd in their clothes ; and sayeth that all this while Trystram Lytster knewe not of any of them beyng there for he was gone to bedd abowte ix of the clocke ; and more over sayth that he had none of the sayd keyes at any tyme nor knewe not whoo kept theym all the tyme and he advysed theym to carye the keyes to some Alderman.

Gawyn manne servant to the seyd Trystram Lytster examyned aggreith in effect with the seyd Hosyar but that he sayth that William, Mr. Bulyman and Hosyar whan they were come in ageyne to his maisters hows delyvered hym the keyes to kepe, and denyith that the seyd Hosyar ever advysed theym to carye the sayd keyes to any Alderman, etc. ; and further sayeth that the same Hosyar was the principall procurar of theym to goe furth abrode that night. And nowe my Lord Mayour declaryng to his seyd bretheren thaldermen that where Maister Recorder at the last asemble was shewid of the sayd takyng away of the Citie keyes from the watchemen to thentent he shold have gyven his counsell what ordre or punyshment were best to be had therin ; at whiche tyme the sayd Maister Recorder desyrd respect for that he wold move it first to the Kings and Quenes consell and sythens that the same Maister

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Recorder hath tolde my Lord Mayour that their advyse is that the sayd Hosyar shold be taken as a vacabund and soo to be whypped about the towne at a cart ars and bannished the Cite ; wherapon it was nowe aggreed by all the sayd presens that execucon shold be done.

fo. 93b. **A Stonegate affair. Stealing a horse.**

4 June 1 and 2 Philip and Mary (1555). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs.

As welle by the deposition of George Emonson, Edward Barker, taylour, Mathewe Butterfeild, Michel Cotes, late watcheman in Bothome warde and Thomas Kirkby, one of the Shirefs servaunts, as by the confession of Christopher Luty and Nycolas Luty, nowe present, examined ; it was apparent to all the sayd presens that bothe the same Luties on sonday last abowte xj of the clocke at night did inordynally and secretly entre the hows of one John Manne in Stanegate the same Manne and his wife beyng than absent and forth of the towne ; and there the sayd Luties did suspicously remayne and accompany with the mayd sevants of the sayd Manne unto it was j or ij of the clock of the same night ; and the sayd watchemen and serjiant perceyvyng compaignie in the sayd hous at suche unlawfull tyme of the night wold have entred to see what they were but thothers that were within wold not suffre theym ; and in the meanetyme the sayd Lutyes conveyed theymselfs thens on the backe syde through an other mans hows to the great disquyetyng and nuysans, etc.

John Elwald of Lowthe in the Countie of Lyncolne, yoman, of thage of lxvj yeres taken by the Shireffs of this Cite and kept in warde did now come before all the sayd presens and by theym examyned he sayeth that on moneday abowt iij of the clock in the mornyng last past he toke an horse beyng nigh withowte this Citie myndyng to have brought harden cloth at the faire and to have caried it apon the sayd horse into Lyncolnshire if his owne wold not have borne it whiche horse he sayeth he browght in with hym to this Citie, where he was perceyved with it ; and so is commyted ageyne to the Sherifs.

fo. 95b.

A Proclamation.

William Howard, Knight of the most noble order of the garter, Lord Howard of Effyngham, Lord great Admyral of England, Irland, Wales and of the dominions and islands of the same, the towne and marches of Calise, Normandy, Gascoign and Guien and also Capitayn generall of the navie and seas of the seyd realmes of England and Irland unto all and singuler the lovyng subjects of the most excellent and victorious princes Philip and Marie by the grace

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of God King and Quene of England, France, etc., defenders of the feyth, etc., etc., as well of their gracs Cite of York, the townes of Newcastill, Barwik, Hull, Skarbrugh and Whytby as all other townes and places within the North parties of England and sea costs of the same as well within liberties as withowte gretyng and knowlege that generall sessions of inquirie for our seyd soveragne lord and lady the Kyng and Queene of all and synguler treasons, felonyes, robries, murdres, spoills, depredacons, injuries, evyll dedes, traspaisses, concelement of mysprisons, consprices and the accessories of the same and other anormities, ruines, trespasses and offenses whar soe ever theybe commytted, done or attempted within the King and Quenes majesties jurasdicons of their gracs admyraltie of England and the lymytes of the same, that is to say, in or apon the high seas or in or apon any ryvars, fresshe or salt, from every first brig towards the sea or apon the sea sand or within fludde mark near any haven, port, creque or keye or in any ship, boat or other vessell, God willyng, shalbe holden afor (*fo.* 96) us the seyd lord great admyrall or our deputie or deputies and other the Kyng and Quenes majestie commissionors, justics of the admiraltie of England on their behalf assigned on fryday the xxj[st] day of the instant month of June at the Castell of York ; wherfor if there be any persone or persones that can gyve any informacon of any treasons, felonies, robries, murdres, manslaughters or other pirott offenses above expressed eyther ageynst one Alexander Willerd, flemyng, late of Burges in Sluce, nowe presoner in the sayd Castell beyng indicted for a robery comytted ageynst one John Eightakres and other, wherapon then and there he shalbe arreignied, or ageynst any other beyng suspecte of piracie and nowe remaynyng at commandement of us the said lord admyrall and others justices of admyraltie within this Citie or ells where or agaynst any other person or persons for any of the saied offencs lett theym resorte unto the saied sessions and they shallbe hard and have justice.[1]

fo. 97. **Marketing law broken.**

18 June 1 and 2 Philip and Mary (1555). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

It was declared that on Wytsonday my Lord Mayour as clarke of the market went through the market to see reasonable priez of vitaills and comyng through the Shambles and seeng Symon Foxgale, bocher, sellyng his fleissh excessyvely did command hym to sell certayne peces at prices by seyd Lord Mayor knowne to be reasonable to the poore, whiche to doo the sayd Foxgale thar openly refused and answereth my Lord—Ye shall sell non of my goodes

[1] At the end of this document is a statement that this copy has been compared with and agrees with the original ; it is signed by the Lord Mayor, 3 Aldermen, one of the Sheriffs, the Town Clerk, etc.

for ye have nought to doe to sell any of my fleissh ; and soo obstynatly refused to obey my seyd Lord Mayor for which disobedyens and willfullnesse it is nowe aggreed that he shall paye to the Chambre use tenne shillyngs.

fo. 98. **City's right infringed.**

28 June 1 and 2 Philip and Mary (1555). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs 5 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that a speciall *Quo Warranto* shalbe sewed forth the next terme ageynst Thomas Standeven, clerke of thadmyrall Court, for syttyng as coronar apon the viewe of one drowned at Acastre Malbys within the liberties of this Citie contrary our chartre ; and Maister Recorder advyse is that it shalbe sewed forth for that poynt onely or ells it may put the Citie to the moare troble and inconvenyens.

And nowe before the saied presens came Robert Forster, gent., and[1] . . . . . Musgrave, baylif of Tadcastre, and of the behalf of the right honorable Lord Whartone, beyng the steyward of Tadcastre, recited that whereas a late sewte and contention hath rysen for and apon the right of the lete of the township of Oxtone within the Countie of the Citie of York whiche my Lord Mayor and his sayd Consell affirme to be parcell of the liberties of the Citie and that all thenhabitants and tenaunts of Oxton aforsayd have ben accustomed tyme owt of mynd and owght their sewte to the Sheref turnes before the Shirefs of the County of the Citie of York ; and the sayd Forstar claymeth the sayd towne of Oxton to owe suyt to the lete of Tadcastre, but for avoydyng further troble and suyte herin, at the instanc and request of the sayd twoo persones and at the contemplacon of the seyd Lord Wharton, the sayd presens was contented that twoo worshipfull and discret men or more as the sayd Lord Wharton and they shold aggree unto, shold have the ordre of the premisses soo that the Citie might have their right and liberties withowte further vexacon of any man.

fo. 99. **Encroachment in Coney Street.**

24 July 1 and 2 Philip and Mary (1555). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

George Cooke, hosyar, at commandement of my Lord Mayour did now personally appere ; and not denyeng but that he to enlarge his owne hows did transpose the wall that was undr his owne panne and entertac of his sayd hows dyd sett it into the northe syde of the hall of a tenement in Cony stret parcell of the common rents of this Citie to hym latly lessed for terme of yeres under seale of office ; and also that he had buylded in the same hows belongyng to the

[1] Blank in original.

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Commons one chymnay standyng fully apon the common grounde and servyng his owne hows.[1]

fo. 100b. **Quarrel at a shooting match.**

To the right honorable Francys Earle of Shrewisbury, Lord president of the Kyng and Quenes majesties Counsell established in the Northe parties.

May it please your good lordship to be advertised that where this present Saynt Lawrence day a matche of shoting was here in shooting in Palacrofts[2] betwixe Frauncis Metham, broder to Sir Thomas Metham and others; at whiche shoting Sir Thomas Metham with others gentlemen were present; and Francis Willestrop, esquier, with sundry his acquaintance assembled to the sayd place entending to have fought with the saied Sir Thomas Metham and soo showing hymself actually to the great disquieting as well of many worshipfull (men) than being presente as thinhabytants of the Cite of York; albeit by meane of dyverse discrete gentlemen than also present the varyaunce was stayed; and the said Sir Thomas Metham was than bounden to the peax. But the saied Frauncis Willestrop absented hymself notwithstanding the commaundement of our officers to repayre to us to be bounden for the preservacon of the peax. Wherfore we now remembring certayne letters to us directed from the King and Quenes pryvie counsell for certificat monethly of the state and ordre of theis their gracs County of the Citie of York have thought it no lesse than our bounden dewtie to ascertayne your good Lordships of the premisses.

York xth of August.

Your Lordshipes at commaundement. William Beckwith, Mayor

fo. 102. **York butchers threaten to cut down supplies.**

21st August 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1555). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 9 of the Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

For that my Lord Mayour and his Brederne had understandyng that the bochers of this Citie of a malyciouse willfullnes myndyng to revenge their felawes querrell latly diffranchised ageynst my Lord Mayour and his Bretherne, hath therapon confederate theymselfs and aggreed not to make provison for the Citie but soo moche as in theym is to hynder and pyne[3] the markett, to thentent onely thereby to have exclamacon maide by the Commons of my Lord

[1] He is ordered to pay an additional £6 annually until the end of his lease and then he is to take down the chimney and restore everything as it was before.

[2] There was only one palace in York at the time, namely, the one built for Henry VIII on the south side of the church of St. Mary's Abbey.

[3] To starve.

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Mayour and his Brederne for the lakk of vytaill within this Citie ; for avoydyng of whiche inconvenyens it is nowe aggreed that my Lord Mayour takyng unto hym iiij of the Aldermen, j of the Shirefs and iij of the xxiiij such as he shall thynk mete shall goe every mornyng at viij of the clock through the Shambles and Thursday market and to every bocher shopp within this Citie and make viewe if any want of vytaill be for lak of proveson by the seyd bochers ; and therapon to take ordre for speedy provison for the Citie as nede shall requyre ; and every of the presens to beare part chardge towards it.

And for dewe punnyshment of the unlawfull confederacie of all the bochers of this Citie as well franchised as disfranchised intendyng to have disapoynted the accustomed provison for this Citie of vitaill ; it is nowe furthermore dyvysed that every the seyd bochers shall be called in before my Lord Mayor and his Bretherne viz. they that be disfranchised by a precept to be directed to the Shirefs and thothers by my Lord Mayour commandement by an officer ; and if apon examynacon they shewe themselves stubborne than they to be bounde to good abearyng of their owne bonde, but if they be founde over moche wilfull and obstinat than they to fynde sufficient suretie for there good behavour or ells to be commytted to warde.

fo. 102b. **Reply to the butchers.**

22 August 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1555). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

By instruccons and consent of all this presens was dyvysed by Maister Recorder, written and now oponly redd the answer of my Lord Mayour and his Bretherne to the bill of complaynt of the bochers dependyng before the Lord President and Counsell whiche answer they allowed to be true as they wold swere.

It is aggreed that if my Lord Mayour with suche as ar apoynted to viewe the bochers tomorowe doo perceyve that they have not killed sufficient to serve this Citie with all, than by there further advyse and discrecon they shall forthwith cause a proclamacon to be made in the Kyngs and Quenes majesties names in the open market in forme folowyng

My Lord Mayour and Aldermen of this Citie of York of the Kyng and Quenes majesties behalf, will it to be known that they doo gyve lycens to all maner of bochers and sellers of fleyssh to repayre dayly unto this Citie into Thursday market and Shambles at Fossebrig ende with all maner of fleissh seasonable for mans body and there to cutt and sell the same by retaill at reasonable price ; and soo free to come and free to goe concernyng the sayd vitaill unto they have other commandement by the sayd Mayour.

God save the Kyng and Quene.

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fo. 102ab. **Condition of the church of St. Peter the Little.**

6 September 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1555). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that for soo moche as the lat cherch and cherch yard of Saynt Peter the lytle doo now stand desolat and used very noyfully to thenhabitants of this Citie as well adjoynyng as passyng by that way, a lettre shalbe therfore made to Myles Newton, who claymeth tytle to the same admonyshing hym eyther to see reformacon therin or ells that my Lord Mayour and his Bredrene will see ordre therein, as unto the commoditie and right of this Citie shall apperteyne.[1]

fo. 106b. **Swine in the streets. Fishgarth defaulters.**

28 September 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1555). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 9 Aldermen.

Aggreed that the maister of Saynt Anthonyes within this Citie and all others inhabytants within the same, havyng any swyne goyng abrode in the streets shall have warnyng gyven theym to avoyde the sayd swyne before Martynmas next commyng.

Item apon perusyng the boke of the late survey of the fysshegarthes within the watyr of Ouse it was nowe thought expedyent and aggreed that before the certificat of the defalts were certified, the newe Lord Archbysshop shold be spoken with at London by the Burgesses of this Citie for reformacon of certyne his fysshgarthes sett in the sayd ryver to great nusans, lessed to William Lovelesse of Cawod, and also that a gentle letter shold be made in my Lord Mayour name to his grace concernyng the sayd matter, and also that breif letters shalbe lykewise made to Sir Robert Constable, Knyght, Sir Thomas Metham, Knight and others, requyryng theym eyther they imedyatly apon the delyvery therof come or send to shewe a lawfull tytle why they ought to have any the sayd fisshegarthes or ells, as it is all ready determyned, the nusancs of the same shall be forthwith certified into the Exscheker.

fo. 107. **Instructions to M.P.'s.**

3 October 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1555). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 5 Aldermen and Common Council assembled in the Comon Hall of this Citie togiders with a good part of the Common Consell of the same Citie when and where it was declared of the Burgesses goyng up to the parliament ; and therapon it was nowe aggreed that the lettre of attorney accustomed in the name of the Mayour and Commonaltie shall be made and sealed with the common

[1] The site of St. Peter-the-Little church is plainly marked by a portion of the North wall to be seen in the Common lane leading out of Peter Lane bounding the premises of Messrs. Brown Brothers, Taylor & Co.

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seale to be delyvered unto the sayd Burgesses ; and further that they shall sewe in the Duchie chambre for to be tolne free at Rypon withowt farder vexacon there ; and the sayd Burgesses to reteyne consell lerned of the best and to fee theym of the Chambres costs for their best counsell to have the sayd sewte opteyned. And also the sayd Common Counsell have now a farder day gyven to theym to consult and dyvyse emongs theym selfs articles to be obteyned by act of parliament for common welth and profit of this Cite, and to bryng the same in to my Lord Mayour in wrightyng on Tewysday next at the Ouse brige.

fo. 108b. **The Butchers. School on Ouse Bridge.**

Instructions to M.P.'s.

11 October 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1555). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

Ordeyned that from hensforth it shalbe leefull for all such foreyn bochers as shall come to Thursday market on the dayes accustomed to serve this Citie with fleysshe than and there freely to open and sell their fleysshe, that is to say, in wynter to begyn at vij of the clock and in somar at vj of the clock in the mornyng and soo forth to their old hower appoynted, not taryeng of the serchars of the bochers of this Citie.

And further it is aggreed that Sir Robert Morris, chapellayn, shall have eyther the chapell or great chambre apon Ousebrige for his skole to teche children in at his election duryng the pleasur of my Lord Mayour and Aldermen.

Moreover it is nowe aggreed that the Burgesses of this parliament shall have up with theym in part of payment of their accustomed dyets and expenses x^{li} ; and also xxvj^{s} viij^{d} for their servaunts lyverays payd theym by the Chambreleyns ; and that they shall doo thar dylygens above for the common weal of this Citie accordyng thenstrucsons folowyng.

Fyrst to have an eye if they can perceyve any processe or sewte ageynst this Citie for the right of the lete of Oxton alias Ouston in the Aynsty at procurment of my Lord Wharton, Robert Forster on others.

Item to sewe forth a *Quo Warranto* ageynst the clerk of the Admyraltie for usurpyng thoffice of Coroner within the Aynsty and likewise of the Cite accordyng to a former aggreement of this hous.

Item to delyver to the newe Lord Archebysshop my Lord Maior letter and to know his gracs pleasur for concernyng reformacon of fysshegarthes occupied in his grounde to nusans.

(*fo.* 109) Item to harken in thexchequer if any processe is lyke to be ageynst this Cite for any part of our taxe behynd.

Item to open by bill or otherwyse at their discrecon the great defacyng and nusans of this Cite by reason of dyverse ruynouse

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and decayed howses sett in the high streets and most used ways of this Cite, whiche ar vacant and no profit to the Kyng and Quene and to gett theym to the Cite if it maybe.

To the moost reverend father in God and there very good lord ye Lord Archebusshop of Yorke.

May it pleas your good grace to be advertysed that where by vertue of the King and Quenes majesties commyssion we have laitlie viewed all fyshegarthys, pyles and stakes sett in the water of Owse to the common noysance, emongs others we have fowned fyve fyshegarths sett within the sayd ryver ageynst your gracs grownds, very noyfull and daungerouse for passegers with shipps and other vessells thrugh the said narro ryver to or fro the Citie of Yorke and other placs with marchandyses etc. of the whiche fyshegarthes one William Lovelesse is farmer or tenaunte to your Grace as he saith ; and albeit very good Lord that according to the tenour of the said commyssion wee ought furthwith to certefie all suche the said noysaunes soo fownd into the Eschequer yit having full hope that your grace beyng ones advertised herof will see spedie reformacon of the said noysaunces, have therefore thought good thus to enforme your grace therof desyeryng that wee may knowe your gracs pleasour agayn by the bearers herof our Burgesses, to whome we desyer to geve further credence herein, for lothe we ar to worke anythyng that may be grevouce to your grace ; as knoweth God who preserve your mooste reverend fatherhode in moche honour, long to prospere. Frome Yorke this xijth of Octobre 1555.

Your Gracs to there power.

William Beckwith, Maiour of the Citie of Yorke and Aldermen, commyssioners aforsayd.

fo. 109b. **Defective measure.**

12 October 1555.

Mem. that this present day in the Counsell Chambre before the right worshipfull William Bekwith, Maiour (and 5 others) was tryed one busshell laytlie found and taken by my Lord Mayour at the Stayth measuryng corne whiche was proved and founde then and there to want a pynte or neer to a pynte in the busshell.

fo. 110b. **Freedom from tolls sought. Decay of Tang Hall.**

31 October 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1555). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 8 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Maister Symson shall with convenient spede ride up to London and there with advyse of Maister Holme and Maister Beysley, our Burgesses, shall specially solicite and folowe apon the sewte of this Cite agaynst Rypon, Beverlay and others for our acquitale of tolle and other exactions in the saied places ; and to reteyne counsell above of the best learned, and by their

advise to procede in the Duchye court or ellswhere for and yf nede be to the Quenes majestie hir selfe to be tolle free at Rypon and other places aforesaied; and the said Maister Symson to be honestly allowed for his reasonable expenses and chardges in that yorney, with all suche fees of lerned men as he shall lay forth abowte the saied sewte; and alsoe that he shall receyve of the Chamberlaynes in hand at his goyng up iiij^{li}.

Item it is nowe aggreed that a lettre shalbe maied to Maister Tankard requyering hym that for soo moche as for his sake Newton his sone in lawe haithe favour concerning the decay of Tang Hall he wold therfor speake to hym to make answer to my Lord Maiours lettre to hym latly sent for reparelling the same soo that extremite shall not nede to be further agaynst hym concerning the same.

fo. 111. **Letter to the M.P.'s.**

After our hartie recommendacons, theis are to advertise yowe that we have receyved your gentle letters dated at London the xxvjth of Octobre, whiche was to us all great pleasure, desyryng you as ye have begone to provide in our olde sewte concerning to the Kings and Quenes majesties and there most honorable Counsell for abatement of our taxe according to our politike discrecons therein; and for some fortherans in the same sewte we have sent youe up by theis bearers bothe a bill of supplicacon latly framed for the purpose and also the commyssion after a bill of supplicacon after granted forth under the late Kyngs gracs seale towards thaccomplisshement of our saied sewte, havyng nowe all a suer hope in our harts that seyng occasion and tyme doo soo will serve ye shall have good successe therin not onely to your singular prayse but alsoo to all our common reyosyng and profite. As for the fysshegarthes, seing we have alredy taken bounds of part of theym for spedy reformacon etc. we are therfor aggreed that the rest shalbe furthwith extreated and sent up unto youe to be certified into thexcheker wherin ye shall very shortly heare further from us. And as touchyng the *Quo warranto* the name of hym that was drowned was Robert Hodgeson of Acaster Malbysshe, fyssher, and on Easter even last was drowned; and late of the same day Mayster Standeven satt apon the viewe of the body. And sory we are that Maister Beisley hath beyn so crased[1] but we trust of his amendement or this. The lettre herewith sent up in favour of the collectours, yf ye shall see yt will further our sewte any thing concernyng the taxe ye may shewe it or ells to use the matter by your better discreccons. And thus besechyng Allmighty God to contynewe youe bothe in good health. We bidde youe hartely farewell. From Yorke the vth of November, 1555.

Your owne assuredly William Bekwithe, Maiour of York and Aldermen of the same.

[1] Crased; ill.

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fo. 111. **Another Letter to the M.P.'s. The Poverty of York.**

[1]After my very hartie commendacons unto youe bothe; theis shalbe to ascertayne yowe that albeit the bearers herof, collectours of this last taxe within the Cite of York, haith according to their dewtes very much travyled in levying the same yet as I perceyve nowe at their commyng up they lakk a good part therof, whiche for the great povertie and wast of dyverse paroches they could in no wise gett, yea yt wold have pietied a mans hart to see (*fo.* 111b) what hardshift many a poore man and woman made, for some were fayne to sell their pott or their panne and other implements, some laied their apparrell to pledge to pay with their taxe; and of certayne vacant howses in the decaed paroches the collectours had nothing to distrayne but toke of the doores and wyndowes to make up stake with. I nede not any further to declare unto yowe with what hardnesse the saied taxe from tyme to tyme is gotten for as ye knowe the paroches of All Halowes in North Streete, Saynt Laurens, St. Andrews, St. Gregories, St. Marie in Castelgate, St. John le pyke, St. Helens on the walles be soo moche decaied and wasted that their is no man glad to inhabite within the precynts of theym for that the payment of one yere taxe is duble and treble more than theyr wholle yere rent; wherefor I shall hartly desyer you not onely to helpe the saied collectours, our honest neighburghes in their reasonable allowance apon their accompt of the saied taxe but alsoo accordyng to our hope earnestly to renewe our old sewte to the King and Quenes majesties for some abatement of the excessyve taxe of this poore Cite, whearein owte of question yf their Graces myght knowe the great ruyne and povertie of the saied Citie of very pietie they wold release and grant part of our taxe. And this not doubting but ye will use youre diligens in the premisses, I committe youe to the blessed tuytion of Allmyghty God. From Yorke the xxvjth of Octobre 1555.

Your assuredly,
W. B. Maiour.

fo. 112. **The Franchise. Toll taken at Ripon.**

8 November 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1555). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that suche franchised men of this Citie as shall chanse to go and abide forth of the same shall not thereby lose their franchesse any ordynance heretofore made to the contrarie notwithstandinge.

Aggreed also that a letter shalbe made to Maister Holme and Maister Beisley, our Burgesses, desyring them to sewe for the processe against Dale of Rypon for tayking tolne of our Citizens;

[1] This letter dated 26th October is entered into the House Book after the previous letter dated 5th November.

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and articles of instruccons to be drawen by advyse of Maister Recorder accordinge to thenformacon to be given by Maister Symson.

fo. 112b. **Letter from the Mayor and Recorder to the M.P.'s.**

After our harty recomendacons ; where before this tyme a pryvay seale was awarded forthe of the Duchie ageynst one Christofer Dale of Ripon, yoman, at the sewte of Oswalde Dent of York, founderer, for wrongfully tayking of certaine his gooddes in name of a distresse for tolne at Ripon aboute a twelve moneth a goe, as may appeare by bill of complaynts remayninge in the sayd court, whiche privay seale was delivered to the sayd Dale who did not appeare at the day in the same privay seale lymyted ; where upon Maister Beisley man made an affidavit of the delivery therof ; and so the said sewt there haith ever sithens steyed in the same Court ; wherefore theis are nowe to advertise you that we are nowe determined that the sayd sewte shall with effecte procede, requiring you therfore to sewe forthe an attachement ageinst the sayd Dale to appeare in the said Court of Duchy and make answere to the sayd bill this next terme to thentent that a finall ordre may be had therin, and if ye shall nede any farther counsell at this present to reteyne of the best so that no further delay be had in the said matter. And thus fare ye hartely well.

Your owne assuredly W. B. Mayor of York and Aldermen.

fo. 112b. **Additional ordinances of the Coverlet Weavers.**

At the humble sewte and request of the serchars and good men of thoccupacon of koverlet weavers of this Citie it was nowe aggreed that theis twoo articles herafter wrytten shold be added unto tother the ordynauncs of the sayd occupacon.

First for that moche deceipt hath ben comonly used by makyng of certayne koverletts called black koverletts, wherin heare and other evyll stuff was usually putt and could not be easily perceyved, to the great slander of the sayd craft, it is therfore ordeyned that from hensforth it shall not be leefull for any of the sayd craft to work any black yearne in the corps of the cloth otherwise called the gronde werk of the cloth of any their koverletts.

Item that the serchars serche all suche deceiptfull stuffe called Kendall yearne as is brought to this Cite to sell to any of the sayd craft before it be putt to sale, and if it be founde faulty then it to be by the sayd serchars presented to my Lord Maiour and punnyshment therfore to be had.

fo. 113. **The Guildhall Little Buttery.**

23 November 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1555). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 8 of the xxiv.

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Aggreed that the lytle buttree of the north syde of the Common Hall shalbe amended in the gutter of lead latly taken away for that the tymbre work of the same doo not putrifie.[1]

fo. 113b. **Inn charges.**

2 December 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1555). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

It was ordeyned that no maner of inholder, vitailler or other inhabitant within this Citie shall take of any sowtar or stranger commyng to this Citie above iiij^{d} for a male and to have ordynarily boyled and rost beif or mutton etc. provided; if any suche stranger doo call for bettar fare, than he to pay for suche more as they do call for reasonably as his host and he can agree.

Item that no maner of inholder or other inhabitant within the saied Citie shall take of any the said sewters or strangers above iiij^{d} for an horse sufficient haye and littre, day and night, provided that the same sowtar or stranger shall not buye any provender for his said horse of any other than of his host. Provided also that if any the said sewtar or stranger shall send away ther horse forth of this Citie than they to pay for their chambre and beddyng as they can reasonably agree with their host.

fo. 114b. **Report of M.P.'s. Tax relief. Chantry lands.**

23 December 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1555). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Counsell Chambre of the Comon Hall. Maister Holme, one of the Burgesses of this Citie for the Parliament declared of his doyngs above concernynge the instructions to hym gyven for the Citie matter on his goyng up, that is to saye, first and specially that nowe at the last the Queenes majesty of her gracs most bountuouse libralitie hath released and freely gyven towards the easement and relief of the povertie of this Citie and other the necessities of the same one hundred pounds, that is to say, L^{li} of the first payment of the last taxs granted in Kyng Edward tyme, her brother, and other L^{li} of the secunde and last payment of the same taxe, and therwyth the sayd Maister Holme shewed here her Gracs grant of release aforesayd undre her highnesse pryvay seale[2] (*fo.* 115) Moveover the sayd Maister Holme shewed the King and Queenes wrytte of *Quo Warranto* which he had sewed forthe agaynst Maister Standeven, clark of the Admyraltie for syttyng as Coroner within the liberties of this Citie directed to the Shirefs of this Citie to serve; the servyng wherof at this tyme is differred unto Maister Recorder comyng for his better advise towchyng the servyng of the same.

[1] The blocked up doorway into the buttery still remains.
[2] The grant here follows.

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Item the sayd Maister Holmes shewed a letter of the right honorable the Lord Treasaurar of England to Maister Rawson, stywerd of the Kyng and Quenes lands in the East ridyng directed for ordere to be taken concernyng there Majestyes tenements in York belongyng to late chantries whiche be very ruynouse and a great defacyng of this Citie ; and therapon it is nowe aggreed that a lettre shalbe made in name of my Lord Mayour and his Bretherne and sent to the sayd Maister Rawson with thaforesayd lettre desyeryng hymn by the same to come hither to York befor his goyng up to London that my Lord Mayour may speake wyth hym concernyng the sayd chantrey lands and ordre to be had for the same.

(*fo.* 115b) Item it is agreyd that Maister Smyth, our attourne, shall have in reward for his goodnes in our sayd sutes half a dossan coverletts geven hym of the Chambre costs of the best and largest sorte.

Item it is further agreyd that suche the costs and chargs as haith beyn susteanyd in sewyng forth the releas of our taxe shalbe serchyd owte and abaytyd forthe of the saide somme of C^li^, geven the reyst to be with assent of the Commons bestowyd in suche sorte as may be for the mooste proffet of the power commonaltie of this Citie. And the moste partie of the Comon Counsell and other of the honest of this Citie beyng nowe present and the premysses beyng openyd to theym have nowe day gyven to take advyse herein and bryng in ther determynacon in the same on monday come a sevenyght to the Common Hall.

fo. 116. **A letter to Maister Rawson.**

In our veray hartie maner we recommend us unto you and here in closed we do send you the letter of the right honourable Lorde Treasurer of England to you dyrectyd whiche as we do understand is partly concernyng order to be takyn for the rewynouse tenements in Yorke of the lait chantries beyng now in the King and Quenes majesties hands ; and for somoche as we ar most desyerous a good way and order were taken therein bothe for there most proffett and amendment of the said Citie ; therefor we ryght hartely desyer you to take the paynes to come over hither unto us to Yorke before your goyng up to London to thentent we may confer and consulte with you in furtherance of the same. And thus eftsones desyeryng you not to faill we byd you moost hartelie fayre well. Frome Yorke the xxiiij^th^ of December.

William B. Maiour of Yorke and Aldermen of the same.

fo. 116. **Corn and coals for the poor.**

30 December 1555. *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 2 of the xxiv, with dyvers of the Comon Counsell and honest citizens assemblyd in the Comon Hall ; with

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the whole consent of all the said presens thorder of suche the taxe as was geven and grantyd to this Citie was referryd to my Lorde Maiour and his Bredren according to a mocyon by George Hall and others for byeng corne and coles for the comon provysyon of poore of this Citie.

fo. 116b. **Appeal for the Restoration of St. Leonard's Hospital.**

3 January 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1555-6). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 12 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 8 of the xxiv.

Exhibited a supplicacon made to my Lord Cardynalle grace in name of my lord Mayour and his brethren thaldermen for his graes helpe to the Kyng and Queenes majesties to the restoryng and renewyng of the late hospitall of St. Leonards in York whiche was nowe reddy and by the seyd presens was well allowed and aggreed that not onely the seale of office shold be sett to but also that they all wold subscribe the same with their owne hands.

Item it is nowe also thought requysite that Maister Holme shall goe up agaynst this next terme of the chambre costs not onely fully to fynishe suche the Cite matters of taxe etc. as he hath well proceded in but alsoo to putt into thexcheker thextreat of the fysshegarths indented.

fo. 117. **Chantry property in York.**

The Bishop of Durham's fishgarths.

14 January 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1555-6). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 8 of the xxiv.

Maister North and Maister Holme, Aldermen, are nowe appoynted by all the presens to mete with Maisters Rawson and Browne at my Lord Mayour abowte iiij of the clocke this afternone there to common and treat with the sayd Maisters Rawson and Browne for their favorable certificat to be had of the decayed and ruynouse Chantry lands within this Cite beyng in the Queenes majestie hands soo that a good order therby maybe taken for the reperations and amendyng the same beyng nowe a great defacyng of this Cite.

(*fo.* 117b) And nowe my Lord Mayour before all theis presens caused a lettre to hym directed fro the lord bisshop of Duresme towchyng fysshegarths to be here openly redde the tenour wherof folowith worde by worde.

To the right honorable and my very lovyng frend my Lord Mayour of York.

My very good lord in my moost hartie maner I recommend me unto you prayeng you to be good unto my tenaunts dwellyng apon the water of Ouse as your predecessours have ben in tymes past and not to begynne to chardge theym further than the lawe and olde custome wold, for suerly, my lord, yf I shold demaunde

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such ayde of you lieng within the levell of Holden as well as my tenaunts doo, I might put you of that Citie to some chardge as my learned counsell shewes me (*fo.* 118) whiche hitherto I never did, trustyng that ye by your wisdome will not doo thyngs ageynst the lawe seeyng ye be forborne in thyngs, wherin ye myght be chardged by lawe; albeit ye for my tyme shall fynde me a good neighburghe if I may thynke you the same. And thus Allmyghty Jesu preserve you to his pleasure and yours. Frome London the ix^th^ day of Decembre.

Your L. most lovyng freynd,
Cuth. Duresme.

Which letter heard and considered by the sayd presens and it was thought best that the extreat of fysshegarths shall be certified accordyng as it is allready wrytten and sealed and to be sent up this next terme.

fo. 118b. **St. Maury Day.** **Election of Mayor.**

Assembled togiders with the Common Counsell and sersors of the xiij and xv occupacons and many of the Commoners of this Citie in the Common Hall when and where after the maner accustomed was openly redde by the Common Clerke all the accompts of this Citie, whiche ones playnly redde to theym, all were then commanded in the Kyngs and Quenes names to avoyd forth of the Hall but such as had voyces for the election of the newe Mayour. And imedyatly after none remaynyng the sayd Hall, but such as shall gyve voyces etc.; they proceded accordyng to our charter to the free election of the newe Mayour; and at the last of three eleits the ryght worshipfull Maister Richard Golthrop was chosen Mayour.

And after that immediatly was chosen by the Aldermen and xxiiij in the Counsell Chambre of the sayd Common Hall the mure maisters, the maisters [of] Fossebrig, of Ouse brig, and last of all the Chamberleynes; all which tyme of chosyng the officers the Lord Mayour, newe [made], and both Shireffs did sytt apon the bench openly in the Hall; all which officers soo chosen the sayd Aldermen and xxiiij forthwith issued forth of the sayd Counsel Chambre with the Common Clerke, who than and there delivered openly in the sayd Hall the names of all the sayd (*fo.* 119) newe officers.

fo. 120b. **Instructions to M.P.'s.**

15 January 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1555-6).

Instructions for Maister Holme at London concernyng the sewts and busynesses of this Citie.

First to delyver thextreats of presentments for nuisancs of fysshegarthes in Ouse in to the Kyng and Quenes Court of thexcheker and to procure processe therapon for execucion accordyngly.

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Item serve forth in the same Court the obligacons and questions of the last collectorz of taxe within this Cite and to gett the sayd C^{li} gyven us by the Quenes grace allowed and to take up the King and Quenes warrant for release of C^{li}.

Item dylygently to sollicit and folow the sewte for tolne free within the duchie ; and also the *Quo warranto* ageynst the Admyral clerke concernyng our right of coronarship within the Aynsty *super visum Roberti Hodshon.*

Item serche if thexchetour office and accompt in thexcheker be made perfect soo that hereafter no processe be awarded ageynst hym.

Item to gyve Maister Smyth suche thanks from my Lord Mayour and his Brethern for his great peynes, and pleasures by him shewed unto this Cite ; and to gyve of their gift the coverletts that ar prepared of the Chambre costs for the same purpose.

Item soo moche as in you is to gett the xxx^{li} latly payed to the Chambre by Maister Goodyer etc. Sherefs, to be dischardged in their accompts that no further processe be herafter awarded for the same.

Item to serche if thexchetour office and accompt of this Citie in thexchequyer be maid clere specyally concernyng busynes of Maister Thwait lands bifore his lyvery sewyd forth etc.

Item to delyver to the Chancery the Kyngs and Quenes wrytte wherby my Lord Maiour tuke the othe of Maister Thwaits apon his said lyvery sewed forth.

The Oath.

(*fo.* 121) Ye shall swere that ye shalbe faithfull and true and feyth and trouthe beare unto the King and Quenes majesties, their heires and successours, Kings and Quenes of England and truly doo and knowlege the services due for the lands whiche ye clayme to hold of theym and the whiche the King and the Quene to you doith yeld ; soo helpe you God, All Saynts and the Holy Evangelists.

fo. 121b. **The City's Chantry Lands. The Guildhall caretaker.**

26 January 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1555-6). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that my Lord Maiour, our newe Maiour, Maister Gaile and Maister North shall treat with Maister Rawson and Maister Browne for there favourable certyficat to my Lord Treasorer concernyng there viewe of the chauntre lands in this Citie etc. and soo that they can bryng to passe that this Citie may aither have that by cleare saill or elles by fee farme for there goodwill and paynes to promes them in reward xx marks or more by there dyscrecon.

Item that Thomas Faile tell Maister Holme yf that he the said Maister Holme chaunce to speke with my Lord Treasorer to

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desyer hym for reparacons of the decayd lands as he haith begonne and no further to move hym unto my Lord Maiour and his Bredren taike further order therein.

Item in consyderacon that John Fournes shalbe the more dyllygent in swepyng the Common Hall at tymes accustomyd, lieng of bankers[1] there and at the Mynster[2] as haith bene accustomyd ; and also ones in the yere at the least to move the Mayer for settyng furth and dryng the tent of this Citie ; and shall have yerely for his ryward or fee therefore yerely vj^{s} viij^{d}, that is to say, iij^{s} iiij^{d} more than he haith.

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fo. 3[3] **Parliamentary Report. Greenwax.**

20 February 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1555-6). *Present*—John Goldthorpe, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

After that Maister Holme newly come from London had nowe made speciall declaracon unto this presens of all his procedyng and dispatch of the Citie matters and sewts above in Westminster accordyng to the instructions therof to hym gyven ; it was aggreed that at convenyent tyme by discrecon of my Lord Maiour the comyssonars appoynted for inquirie of the disposition of xxx^{li} of the fee farme of this Citie laitly payed by Maister Bachelar and Maister Goodyere to the Common Chambre accordyng to an acte of Parliament shalbe requyred to sytte apon the same their comyssion and to make thier certifycat therof accordyngly at the Chambre costs ; and that in the meane tyme the sayd Chambrelaynes accompts shalbe serched and made in readynes to shewe unto the sayd commissionars howe the sayd money was bestowed apon the poor, syke and highwayes.

Item that the poynt of our chartre concernyng grenewax forth of thexcheker shalbe serched in readynesse ageynst Maister Recordars next repayre hither ; and soo by hym to be skanned whether the sayd Chartre gyve us the sayd grenewax or not.

fo. 4b. **Strayed Sheep at Healaugh.**

4 March 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1555-6). *Present*—John Goldthorpe, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 12 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

The Sherifs declared that certayne waist sheepe were leaft at Helagh and that my Lord Whartons officer there wold not suffre theym to have the sayd sheepe. And nowe Maister Recorder advise

[1] Bankers are coverings generally of tapestry for bench or chair. N.E.D.

[2] The Council had a closet in the Minster behind the altar of St. Christopher ; sometimes meetings were held there.

[3] House Book xxii consists of 153 folios. It has suffered considerably from water, and part of some of its contents are illegible.

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is that first seisure of the sayd sheepe shalbe made by the baylifs of thaynstie and than dryven forth of Helagh ; and if any shall than make rescusse of theym an accon of trespasse for wrongfully takyng theym shalbe served afore the sayd Sherefs in the name of the Maiour and Commonaltie and further alsoo to be prosecuted at the next Sessons accordyng as the case shall requyire.

fo. 6b. **Inspection of beggars. Relief of the poor.**

Date illegible. *Present*—John Goldthorpe, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 9 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the wardens of every ward takyng to theym iiij or more of the xxiiij and most honest persones of every paroche with the constables shall to morowe assemble and take viewe of all the beggars and impotent persons within every their wardes to thentent that suche as are to be succurred may be provyded for and thothers eyther to be sett a work for ther lyvyng or ells be punysshed accordyng to the statute.

Also that the sayd wardens shall practise to knowe what every paroche within this Citie wilbe content to gyve wekely towards the releif of the poore to be allowed to lyve of almes soo that they shall not nede to begge openly.

And nowe it is ordeyned that no maner of persone, lord or ownar of any hows within this Citie shall suffre any myghty and ydle vacabund or beggar to dwele in the same but shall avoyde theym forth therof before Lowe Sonday next apon peyne of forfaytyng xx^{s} to the Common Chambre.

fo. 7b. **Relief of the Poor in York and the Ainsty.**

Conflict of evidence.

27 March 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1556). *Present*—John Goldthorp, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that accordyng to the statute no maner of poore shall goo openly beggyng within this Citie ; and suche as be allowed by the justicz to have releif shall have the devocion of thenhabitants gathered weekly by the constables within every paroche and one other honest persone to be appoynted by theym, and to be distributed wholly to the sayd poore by discreecon of my Lord Mayour and wardens every weeke ; and the said collection and ordre to begynne on Palme Sonday next, and alsoo suche warde or paroche of this Citie overchardged with poore shall be holpen with suche other paroche or warde as may.

Item that the maister beggars be chardged to kepe forth the foreyn beggars owte of this Citie every of theym within their lymits apon peyne of three dayes imprisonment. Furthermore it is nowe aggreed that newe skutcheons or badges shalbe forthwith made and delyverd to suche the poore as be admytted to be releved with a difference from the old badges.

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Item that Edward Beasly be spoken with and requyred effectually to solicit the Citie matters at this next terme above in London in rowme of his father who hath fee of the Chambre for there consideracon.

And for the good ordre to be also had within the Aynstie as well for vacabunds, poor folk and of other necessitous, accordyng to thinstructions dyvised by the King and Quene majesties and their most honorable counsell it was aggreed that a precept shalbe made to the Shirefs of this Citie for to sommen the constables and iiij honest men of every paroche within the sayd Aynsty to appere before my Lord Mayour and other the justices of the peax on wednesday next at ix of the clock in the morning within the Common Hall and than and ther be instructed and chardged with execution and kepyng the sayd statuts and orders.

Examination before Richard Goldthorpe, Mayor, John North and Wm. Holme, Justices, 27 March 1556.

Hugh Graves of the Citie of York, merchant, of thage of xl yeres sworne and examyned deposeth and sayeth that betwene Candlemas and Shroftyde last so farre as he remembreth Robert Warde of Topclif, yoman, came to this examinat and desyred hym to change hym a pistilar[1] whiche epistilar whan this examinat had loked apon tolde the sayd Warde that it was nought and soo wold not change it.

Robert Warde late of Topcliff, yoman, examined, sayeth that syns Christmas last he did not offre nor desyer Hugh Graves change hym any epistolar for he sayeth he came not within this Citie sythens afore Christmas unto a three weks nowe last past.

o. 9a. **How the remitted tax has been used.**

To the right honourable Lord Treasurer and Barons of the Kyng and Quenes highnes Courte of Exchequyer.

By virtue of the King and Quenes majesties comyssion, herunto annexed, dyrectyd to us William Tankard, John North, William Holme, John Reydman and Rychard Vavasour, we the same commyssionars have receyved of Thomas Godyere, lait one of the Sheryfs of the same Citie, the summe of xxxiij^{li} xv^{s} j^{d} ob of the rent of fee farme of the said Citie dewe duryng suche tyme as one William Bacheler decessyd and the said Thomas Goodyer were Sheryfs of the said Citie to the uses in the Acte of Parlyament therof mayd in the said secund and thyrd yere of Kyng Edward the Sixt and as in the said commyssion is rehersyd ; whiche somme of xxxiij^{li} xv^{s} j^{d} ob and every parcell therof wee have also by vertue of the sayd commyssion and accordyng to the godlie and trewe meanyng of the afforesaid Acte fully bestowyd and distrybuted in

[1] An epistoler is a book from which the Epistles are read.

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maner and forme followyng ; that is to say, xiij^{li} xiiij^{s} iij^{d} ob therof in reparacons of our brygg of the said Citie callyd Laithorpe brygg and xvij^{li} vj^{s} ob parcell of the said somme of and apon another brygg within the said Citie callyd Ousebrygg, whiche were sore decayd and in great rewyne ; and xl^{s} iij^{d} ob. towards reparrellyng of depe and broken ways withoute Monkbarr and Myklythbarr and in such other good deyds of charytie and for the common welth of the same Citie.

fo. 10. **Matters to be looked to at Westminster.**

Instruccons for Maister Symson to do concernyng the Citie sewtes and matters this Ester terme 1556 at Westminster.

Furst to hede in the Duchie chambre if Crystofer Dale do appere and make answere to the bill and if he doo, than to retean forther counsell for v^{s}, but if he do nott appere than to call for forther processe ageynst hym.

Item to see in the King's Bynche if Maister Standevyn doeth make aunswer to the *Quo Warranto* putt in agaynst hym and if he dothe make aunswere than to gytt further counsell therin, and to proceyd accordyng to the lawe; but if the said Maister Standevyn do not make aunswere than to sewe furth new processe agaynst hym.

Item to delyver in the commyssion with certyfycate concerning allowance to be hadd of xxxiij^{li} xv^{s} etc. of our fee farme in Maister Goodyere tyme into the Eschequer and to make sure warke therein of recorde, soo that no more processe come furth concernyng that matter and to desyer Maister Smyth, Maister Tebold and Maister Hide there furtherance therin.

Item to see what retourne the Sheryf makyth there concernyng fyshegarthes and therin to worke further by the advyse of Maister Tebold and Maister Hyde, attourneys in thexchequer.

fo. 12. **Commission for Musters.**

13 April 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1556). *Present*—Richard Goldthorp, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 10 Aldermen.

In the Counsel Chambre in the Common Hall the comyssion for musters and the precepte mayd into thaynstie for the same was redd, and Maister Recorder thought mete that the same to be putt in execucon accordynglie. And appon muster to be hadd in thaynsty yf it do appere that by reason of former commyssions dyrectyd to others Knyghts and Gentylmen there for takyng there tenaunts and servaunts and others wyllyng to go with them, so that the nombre accustomed to be taken of the townships in the Aynsty for the said Citie cannot be hadd nor furnyshed then to sertifye to my Lord Presydent a lesse nomber for the said Citie by reason of the said former commyssions.[1]

[1] The commission and precept follow on fos. 12b and 13.

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fo. 13b. **A Baker in trouble.**

24 April (1556).

Forsomuche as Roger Wylliamson, baker, haith mysused hymself greatlie agaynst my Lord Maiour and his Bredern he shalbe therfor ymmedyatlie commaundyd to shete in his wyndoo and not to occupye as a fre man to a forder order be takyn therin.

fo. 14. **Players and Minstrels. The Musters.**

5 May 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1556). *Present*—Richard Goldthorp, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

The Kyng and Quenes majesties letter under seall sent from my Lord Presydent and Counsell in the North Parties concernyng players and mynstrelles namyng themselfs to be gentylmen servaunts was delyvered whiche was oppenly redd.

Agreyd that there shalbe a lettre sent to Sir William Fayrfax and a nother to Sir Robert Stapylton, Knyghts and a coppy of the said letter of comyssyon from the Counsell to thentent they shall see dewe execucon of the same.

Agreyd that there shalbe a sertyficate mayd to my Lord Presydent at a tyme convenyent concernyng the musters taken of the Citie and Aynstie ; of the nombre of lx able men wherof to be xx bowmen and xl bylmen, all fotemen, furnyshed and reddy to serve the King and Quenes majesties whan they shalbe callyd appon.

Also it is agreyd that our chartre shalbe seyn concernyng settyng furth of sowgyers of this Citie and Aynstie that wee may declare to my Lorde Presydent the tenour therof.

Also Maister Symson nowe come home frome London declaryd his aunswer concernyng his artycles of instruccons to London for the tolle at Ripon, the *Quo warranto* ageynst Maister Standevyn and of other the reyst of his instruccons.

fo. 15. **Beacons to be watched.**

How people should conduct themselves if the Beacons be fired.

19 May 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1556) *Present*—Richard Goldthorp, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Was redd the Kyng and Quenes majestie commyssion for watchyng of beacons to my Lord Mayour, Aldermen, etc.

Trustie and welle beloved we grete yow well. And where as certayne our unnaturall subjiects, forgetting their bounden dewties both towards God and us ar of late fled our realme, havyng before confederated theymselfs with some others within our realme of like noughtie dispocicon and cease not to practise by all the false skeims and traitors meanes that in theym lieth the disturbance of the common peax and tranquilitie of this our saied realme and

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thutter ruyne and distruction of the same ; albeit seing theis their detestable conspiraces by the goodnes of Allmightie God come to our knowlege we have both on thapprehension of sundry of those traitours and other waies well provyded for metyng there with, yet thynkyng necessarie to leave nothing undone forsomoche as in us may lye that may contynewe the good quyet of our loving subjects and common peax of our realme we have thought good by these our lettres not onely to requier you but also streatlye charge and commaund you that furthwith uppon the receat herrof you doo geve ordre that the beacons may both be maied and sett uppe in all places accustomed within that our Citie of York and the Countie of the same ; and the same beacons alsoo from tyme to tyme deligently watched untill you shall receave ordre frome us or our pryvie counsell attendant apon our person to the contrary; and to thentent the watchyng of the saied beacons may be to noo other end than we meane yt that is to the kepying of our lovyng and obedient subjects in quyetnes and rest frome any forrayn invasion or annoyance our pleasor ys that you shall gyve speciall charge that in every circuyt apoynted to the wattchyng of any one beacon there be every night towe honest householders at the least appoynted to watche at the same, and that whatsoever besiness may happen to aryse within the realme they doo neverthelesse put no fyer to any beacon within our saied countie onles they shall see the beacons that are wont to geve warning unto thaym from the sea syde ward to be on fyer, in whiche case they may fier the beacons also within lond to geve generall warnyng for resysting of thenemye as apperteneth and not other wise, praying you to enstructe the people that shall watche the saied beacons accordyngly and to avoid confusion and disordre at the fyring of the beacons, yf it so happen (*fo.* 15b) that they be fiered and that the people shold not wander up and downe amased at the same, we requier you to take suche ordre beforehand as uppon the fieryng of the beacons the justics of our peax and other gentlemen, constables of the hundreds and head borrowes of townes and constables and other officers of every parishe by theymselfs with their forces in aredynes and to resyst theym, and for the better ordre and staye of the people to appoynt beforehand some one, twoo or three honest and sober men in every parish unto whome the rest may resort and be dyrected by, for their procedings as the cause shall requier; for the better doyng whereof our pleasor ys that you shall assemble yourselfs together to putt ordre for the premysses and by common consideracon emongest you alsoo devyse and agree upon some good meanes as you shall thynke best to understand frome what places and uppon what occasions the first fier was gyven to thentent you may the more certaynely be in ordre to make resistance accordyngly. And further we requier you to have speciall regard to the spreaders of false rumours and to forsee that no players of interludes or common

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mynstrells be suffred to playe or to syng songs or wander abroad for that yt ys commen to our knowlege that by theis meanes many sediciouse matters be putt in to the people eares.

Yeven under our signet at our Citie of York this xj day of Maye the secund and thridde yere of our reignes.

And by their Counsell.[1]

fo. 18. **Legal matters.**

18 May (1556). *Present*—Richard Goldthorpe, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Maister Recorder shall wright his letter to Maister Shireff of the Shire for his furtherance in executyng the processes apon the noysaunces of fysshegarthys.

And that the sayd Maister Sherryf shall have in reward of this Citie viz an hoggishead of wyne for his furtherans in executyng the same.

Item that the wrytte of *Certiorari* shalbe returned by Maister Recorder ageynst the begynnyng of the next terme.

And it is nowe thought requisite that the Common Clerke shall ride up to sollicit the Citie matters at Westminster viz. ageynst Standeven and Grenebery in the Kyngs benche, the matter in the Duchie ; and after for fysshegarthes in thexcheker, accordyng to certayne instructions to hym to be gyven by my Lord Mayour with advyse of his Bredren, if other convenyent and trusty persone cannot be herd of in the meane tyme.

fo. 20b. **One of the Sheriffs sent to Prison.**

5 June 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1556). *Present*—Richard Goldthorp, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff.

Assembled in the Chambre at the Common Hall Richard Brery, on of the Shirefs, as well for his disobedient behavour as for his opprobriouse unsittyng wordes ageynst my Lord Mayour was by aggreament of all the sayd presens commytted to warde unto further order be taken therein by my Lord Mayour and his Bredern.

City's business in London.

6 June 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1556).

Mem. that this present vjth day of June my Lord Mayour thought it expedient that Maister Holme, whoo hath nowe occasion to ride forthwith up to London shold have instructions gyven hym for all the Citie matters this Trinite terme and for his peynes in sollicityng and sewyng forth the same to have of the Chambre costs x^{li} in reward if the right worshipfull his brederne thaldermen

[1] There follows an "Order for watching the Beacon," a list of 30 townships which shall supply watchers ; a precept to the bayliffs of the Ainsty ; a letter to Sir William Fairfax and others asking for their co-operation.

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would consent therin shold soe bee. And now by commandment of my sayd Lord Mayour, the Common Clerke want to knowe the better advyse of the sayd Aldermen and Consell soo many as he could convenyently speak with, that is to say, Maister Gale, Maister Hall, Maister Heckleton, Maister Beane, Maister Appleyard, Maister White and Maister Bekwith, Aldermen, Maister Brery and Maister Hogge, Shirefs and Maister Cranfery, whoo, every of theym, by hymself declared unto the sayd Common Clerk that no man were meter for that purpose than Maister Holme ; and alsoo dyd redely consent and aggree that he shold have for his peynes in the sayd sewts x^li^.

fo. 21b. **The Bells of St. Sampson's.**

19 July 1556.

Certayne of the honeste parochians of Saynt Helens whois names herafter folowith, beyng demaunded by my Lord Mayour whither they wold still persewe in their complaynt ageynst the parochians of St. Sampsons for twoo belles befor the Kyng and Quenes majesties commissionars within York Mynster ; wherin of necessitie the Mayor and Commonaltie must become defendants ; whiche sayd parochians, every of theym after other freely and redely answered and sayd—they wold in no wise sewe any farther of neyther in their sewte nor in any other that by any meanes might be ageynst the Mayor and Commonaltie.

fo. 22b. **St. Thomas' Hospital. Services again in St. William's Chapel.**

16 July 2 and 3 Philip and Mary (1556). *Present*—Richard Goldthorpe, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen.

The Lord Mayour declared that he had warnyng this instant day from the commissionars of the mynster to appere before theym to morowe apon a complaynt made by certayne priests for St. Thomas hospital wherin this presens have thought good of advysement unto my Lord Mayour may knowe what theffect of the sayd compleynt is.

And it was nowe thought convenyent that some honest and discrete preist shalbe hyred of the Chambre costs to say masse dayly againe in the chapell apon Ouse brigg as haith ben used and the same priest to serve my Lord Mayour for the tyme beyng for his chapellyn and have his meat and drynk of hym for his labour ; and this to contynewe at will of the Mayour and Commonaltie.

fo. 23. **Loan to the Muremasters.**

29 July (1556). *Present*—Richard Goldthorp, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

Where as my Lord Mayour with ix Aldermen assemblyd in the Cathedrall churche of York uppon Sonday beyng Saynt Anne day

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agreyd that the iiij moremaysters[1] of this Citie that now ar, shall have by way of lone v^li a pece of the Chambre money, every of them bryngyng suffycyent surties to the Chambreleyns for the trewe payne agayne of the same to the Chambre at Crystynmas next.

fo. 23b. **Ousebridge clock. Glass windows in the Guildhall. Felons' burial place.**

14 August (1556). *Present*—Richard Goldthorp, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the clock on Ouse brig shalbe forthwith repayred and amended ; and then dewly to be kept from tyme to tyme by Henry Smyth who hath fee of the Citie.

And alsoo that the glasse wyndows of the Common Hall shalbe sufficiently glased and mended ; and the kepar of the same Richard Aynly to be chardged with kepyng shutt the wood wyndowes of the sayd Hall soo that no doves or other fowle entre nor buyld in the sayd Hall.

(*fo.* 24) John Huntyngton, baker, shall have a leas for xxj yeres of a pece of waist grounde nigh Saynt James chapell to be inclosed, and serve for buryng of persones putt to execucon on Knavesmyer ; and the sayed wast to be buylded and sett forth by discreccon of maister wardens of the warde provyded that the sayd persones putt to execucon be not there usually buryed.[2]

fo. 24b. **A Collection of Acts of Parliament to be made.**

25 August 3 and 4 Philip and Mary (1556). *Present*—Richard Goldthorp, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Apon the motion of Maister Recorder it was aggreed that a tytlyng of remembrance of such acts of Parliament as be lakkyng within this Chambre shalbe made and delyvered to some honest persone of this Citie goyng to London and he to gett all the sayd actes soo wantyng fayer bounden togiders there in one booke and bought of the Chambre chardgs to remayne within this hows ready at all tymes for the Citie matters.

fo. 27. **Election of Sheriffs.**

St. Mathews day 21 September (1556). *Present*—Richard Goldthorp, Mayor. 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Councell Chambre of the Common Hall for the election of twoo shirefs of this Citie accordyng to the Kyngs

[1] The Moremasters or muremasters were officials responsible for the upkeep of the walls of the City.

[2] The bodies of criminals seem to have been buried here for a long time. A noteworthy case of a criminal after execution coming back to life near St. James' chapel is to be found in *Cal. Pat. Rolls* 1272-81, p. 396

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chartre of election, wherupon theis presents by their most voyces upon iiij litts,[1] putt and chosen by their Comon Counsell and head searchors of xiij and xv craftes of this Citie, haith electe and chosen Adam Bynks, merchaunt, and William Drewe, bocher, to be Shirefs of this Citie from michelmas next for one wholle yere ensewing; whiche Adam Bynks came personally before the saied presens and toke his corporal othe in the said office of Shiref accustomed; and the said William Drewe was at this tyme gone forth of the Citie.

fo. 28. **Highway repairs. Filth on the river bank.**

The closing and opening of the Bars.

7 October 3 and 4 Philip and Mary (1556). *Present*—Richard Goldthorp, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreyd by the said presents that they shall goo at after none for to see the work and reparacons maid appon the broken cawsays and high way at and beyond Monkbryg and to consulte and take order what is best to be forther done therein.

Agreyd that Edward Beyslay shalbe a solycytour for this Citie and he beyng before this presens was desyryd to looke for the matter dependyng in the Dowchie chambre for toll taken by the baly of Rypon and he to take advyse of Maister Carns thereon.

(*fo.* 28b). Agreyd that William Dawson, bocher, shall have warnyng geven to clense and carry away all suche erthe and ramell as he haith layd apon Owse bank beneth the brigg before St. Luke day next.

Also it is agreyd that the Maiour offycers of the iiij wards shall frome hensforth lokk the barres and postrons every nyght at neyn of the clokk and oppen theym agayn at fyve of the clokk in the mornyng; and that every of the said four offycers shall have for his dyllegent paynes taken there in yerely xx^{d} at Crystenmas.

fo. 29b. **Testons not to be refused in payment.**

9 October 3 and 4 Philip and Mary (1556). *Present*—Richard Goldthorp, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 2 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that if any frome hensforth do refuse any testons[2] in payment as haith beyn used for vj^{d} a pece, whan it is laufully offeryd, that every Alderman in his ward shall furthwith commytt every suche person to ward there to remayn at dyscreccon of the said Aldermen and every of the xxiiij to be assistant herein to the said Aldermen.

[1] Litts. A corruption of Norman-French *eslits*. The word persists to-day in the form of "lights." Nominations for a gild office are known as "lights."

[2] Testons in 1543 were declared to be worth 12d.; they sank to 10d., then 8d., then 6d. They were recalled in 1548—but here we find them still in circulation eight years later.

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fo. 30b. **Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Shrewsbury to the Mayor of Hull.**

After my right hartie commendacons ; theis shalbe to signifie unto yowe that I am enformed that contrary to the King and Quenes majesties lettres to yow dyrected and also your promess made unto me at the late being of yow and your bretheren here with me yow do still moleste and trowble the citizens of York abowt the viage of their lead; wherefore theis shalbe to advyse yowe quietly to permitt and suffer the sayd citizens according to the sayd letters and promesse elles they shalbe forced to complayne further to the contrary, whyche I must nede affirme if I be called therunto[1]. . . . . therefore for both your quietude, I hartely pray yow, to use your selves . . . . abowt the same using according to your said promesse unto such tyme the matter may be further hard betwene you and the sayd citizens, at whiche tyme I trust suche indifferent order shalbe taken betwene yow and the sayd citizens according to your auncient customs.

From Sheffeld the xijth

Your frend Frances Shrewsbury.

[2]*fo.* 32b.

Assembled in the Counsell Chambre of the Common Hall was redd the late aggrement made the xxixth of Octobre last concernyng rydyng up of Maister Holme and Maister Hall, Aldermen, ageynst the Mayour and Aldermen of Hull and of Thomas Fale, coronar, in the right of coronarship of this Cite agaynst the Admyrall etc. whiche was nowe eftsoones thought very necessary and expedient ; and the same alsoo beyng openly declared emongs the most part of the Common Counsel nowe assembled in the Common Hall with one voyce by theym all assented unto.

fo. 34. **Letter to the Archbishop of York for his help against Hull.**

Most reverend father in God right honourable and our very good and gracyous Lorde ; may it pleas your grace to be advertysed that wee having our full confidence and hope of your gracys specyall goodnesse and favour towards the power Citie of Yorke, wherof your grace is our head and ordynary in all our lawfull affayres, ar thus bold mooste instantlie to beseeche your grace to be good and gracyous lord unto us in our sewte whiche we perfectly have agaynst the Maiour and Aldremen of Hull for dyverse injures and namely for other wrongfull vexacon and lettyng[3] of our marchaunts and citizens of Yorke of weigheng of there lead and other wayres at the common beame in Hull, beyng the porte town to the sayd Citie, lyke as tyme owte of mynd we ever have beyn accustomyd to have withoute any maner dewyes unto nowe alate, whyche wyll be the

1 Illegible.
2 Date illegible.
3 Lettyng ; hindering.

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utter decay and impoverissyng of the sayd whole Citie yf spedy remedy be not herein hadd lyke as yf it may stand with your gracs pleasour owre lovyng bredren, Aldermen, berers herof, can inform your grace more at large ; to whome we humbly besuche the same to geve forther credence herein. And accordyng to our moost bounden dewtyes we shall with our harte and mynd pray to Almyghtie God for your good grace in muche honour with good helth long to prospere.

Frome Yorke the xiijjth of Novembre 1556.

Your gracs humble beidmen,
The Maiour and Aldremen of York.

fo. 34b. **Letter to the Earl of Shrewsbury.**

Ryght honourable and our very specyall good lord our dewtie remembryd in our mooste hartie maner we humbly commend us unto your good lordshipe gyvyng unto the same oure mooste hartie thanks for your lordships manyfold goodnesse and favour shewyd unto this power Citie att all tymes and namely in our present matter agaynst them of Hull, whoo neither regardyng the Kyng and Quenes majesties letter nor yet there owen promyse mayd unto your honourable Lordship do nowe eftsones wrongfully disturb and utter denyeth unto our marchaunts and citizens of York to weigh our lead any more at the common beame at Hull as we tyme owte of mynde have ever beyn accustomyd to do, whiche if redresse be not spedily hadd will be to the utter decay and impoverysshyng of the said Citie. Wherefore we nowe in humble maner instantly beseche your right honourable lordeship, not onely to contynewe styll as you have beyn, our very good lord in our sayd cause, but also that we may have your lordeship furtherance and helpe now in our sayd matter wherein we ar so moche unneghburly and wrongfully delt with.

xij Novembre 1556. R.G. Mayour and Aldermen of York.[1]

fo. 43b. **Instructions to Edward Beasly going to London about City affairs.**

First to take upp thre severall obligaccons where in Okes, Collome and Wilkynson, Collyn, Strynger and Bynks ar bound whiche ar delyveryd by bill indentyd.

Item declaracon to be mayd agaynst Christopher Dale in the common place at sute of John Oxley, wherefore with force and armes he wrongfully tuke one brasse panne price xx^{d} frome the sayd John at Rypon the xijth of Octobre *anno* 3 and 4 in name of tolne to the damage of the sayd Oxley xl^{d}.

Item the cv^{s} with the certificate of the Maiour and Sheryffs into thexchequyer to be likewyse hadd upp and delyvered to the hands of Maister Tebold and Maister Hyde, desyeryng them to se

[1] The next ten folios are largely illegible.

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bothe the excheatour and Sheryfs to be therof dyschardgd accordyngly, whiche money and warrant of attorney was delyvered to thands of Edward Beysley gent.

Item not to forgett the matter in the Duchie chambre.

Item the sute of Dent in the common place wherof instruccons was before this delyvered.

fo. 44b.

6 January, 1556/7.

Letter from the Earl of Shrewsbery to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen, stating that he has had letters from the Queen saying that although she is at peace with all Christian princes, yet considering the troubled state of Christendom and how needful it is to have the marches over against Scotland organized, therefore York musters should be made and armed men be ready to march at an hours notice.

The Lord Mayour writes to the Sheriffs to summon two honest men from every township in the Ainsty to meet at the Common Hall on a fixed day to make arrangements.[1]

fo. 46b. **York soldiers.** **Sir Martin Bowes' chantry.**

Date illegible. *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Maister Recordar if he come not to morowe shalbe sent for to come hither with all diligent spede to gyve his advyse in makyng certificat to my Lord President of the nombre of men to be maide forth of the Citie and Aynstie to serve the King and Quenes majesties if neded.

And nowe alsoo was redde a lettre sent to my Lord Mayour and his Bretherne from Sir Martyne Bowes, Knight, concernyng his answere for his devyce of his perpetuall chantre in Saynt Cuthberts churche to be had whiche lettre is herto affiled.[2]

(*fo.* 47). To the right honorable and my verye singular good lorde the Lord Maior of the Citie of York and to the right worshipfull brethern the Aldermen of the same: yeave this. Right honorable and my verye singular good lorde I hartelye recommende me unto your good lordshyp, and also unto all your right worshipfull brethren the Aldermen theire. Yt may please the same to be advertised that I have receyvd your lettres by the bringer hereof John Karlyle, beryng date the xxj daye of December 1556, whereby I perceyve your good and willing myndes towardes the furtheraunce of that litle purpose that I doe entende to have done within the parryshe of Saint Cuthberts in York where I was borne. And forassmuche as I doe consider your discrete advice by the said lettres that I am payenge to you the somme of threescore poundes that you and your successors will enter into bondes for the performaunce of the same

[1] Parts of these documents are illegible.

[2] The original letter is here pasted into the House Book.

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for ever, as lerned councell shall decree, I dooe entende to appoynte the said threescore poundes for the same accordingly. And suerlie yf my power weare better I wold a stretched more largelie, but I have had xviij children, whereof I have alyve at this day vij (that ys to saye) v sonnes and two daughters, whiche nature byndethe me to provide for theim, and something I have done and finished in theies parties for my self, whiche I have alreadie dispatched; and for as muche as I have perceyved good wills and towardnes in this said matter I dooe entend, God wyllynge, this next terme to resorte to my lerned councell and to take advice for the furtheraunce of the same, and than a device and book beinge drawen I shall sende yt unto you by some trustie freinds that your lerned councell maye se it and peruse yt agreeable to your charter and corporacion and so finisshe accordinge to the will of God (as I trust). And thus leavinge to troble you any further at this tyme I byde youre Lordeshippe and all your Bretherin fare well; from London this presente vjth daye of February *anno* 1556.

Yours to comand to my small power,

Martyn Bowes, Knyght and Alderman of London.

fo. 49. **Visit of Russian Ambassador to York.**

Date illegible. *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 15 of the xxiv.

For the honour and name of this most noble citie and at the specyal request of the right honourable therle of Shrewesbery, it was dymysed and aggreed by all the sayd presens that the mighty prince . .[1] . . of . . . . within the land of Russia beyng specyall frende to the King and Quenes highness and to all his and her gracs realme of England . . . . .[2]

(*fo.* 51). 13 February (1556-7).

Letter from Council in the North ordering energetic measures to be taken to deal with beggars, loiterers and vagabonds. The letter is partly illegible.

fo. 51b. **York to provide 100 soldiers.**

25 February 3 and 4 Philip and Mary (1556-7). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 8 Aldermen.

For soo muche as my Lorde President will not admytte the certificate to hym offred of lx hable men of this Citie and Aynsty,

[1] The scribe makes no attempt to give the name of the Ambassador nor is it given in The Acts of the Privy Council 1556-8. On 15 December 1556 a letter is sent to Lord Wharton, Warden of the East and Middle Marches—"The Ambassador that is sent to the Queenes majestie to be well used at his "passing by that waies in journey hitherwards." On 23 February 1556-7 a letter of thanks is sent to Lord Wharton "for his diligence in the accom-"paning and enterteignment of the Embassadore of Russia."

[2] The rest is illegible.

it is therfor aggreed that the sayd certificat shalbe amended and made of the nombre of one hundred hable men accordyng to our old custome wherof xl archers and lx billmen.

fo. 52b. **The Earl of Cumberland claims to lead the City's soldiers.**

4 March 3 and 4 Philip and Mary (1556-7). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

To my lovyng frende Maister Hall, Lord Mayour of the Citie of Yorke.

After my right hartie remembrancs to yow ; where as I have receyved the Quenes majestie lettres of commission (whiche by this berer I doo sende unto yow to peruse) to muster and putt in a readynes all my fermers, tenaunts, servaunts and other under my rules and offices ; and for that I am capteyne by inheritans of your Citie wherby of right I ought to have (which I trust you and your Bretherne will not denye) conduction of suche persons as ye shall furnysshe forthe of your sayd Citie for service of hir highness.

I have thought it requisite by theis my letters to requyre you and your sayd Bretherne to certifie me by your lettres what nombre of persons ye may furnysshe to serve of hir grace of intent I may make my certyficat accordyngly. And soo fare ye hartely welle. At my lodge of Barden this iij of March 1556 and under my signet.[1]

And for soo moche as by the old regystars and books of this Citie it appereth that the sayd Earle nor his ancestours ought to have any suche conduction of our men by inheritans as he dooth clayme in his sayd lettre and therfor for avoydyng not onely danger and servitude that might lykely herafter be layd to our chardge by not denying suche his clayme by lettre but alsoo his displeasure in full denying the same as we may lawfully doo. It is nowe thought expedyent and also appereth to all the sayd presens that a gentle answer unto the sayd lettre shalbe maide by my Lord Maiour unto the sayd Earle his trusty servaunt by worde of mowth not by wrytyng of this effect folowyng—that our certificat of hable men to serve the Quene is all ready made to the Earle of Shrewsberie, her gracs lieutenaunt . . . . . [2]

fo. 56. **Orders to Justices of Peace.**

Certaine artycles by the Presydent and Counsell in the North Parties to be putt in execucon by the Justics of Peace and others within the Citie of Yorke.[3]

1 See *York Civic Records*, vol. IV, p. 123.
2 Two lines here illegible.
3 The first part of this document is difficult to read and in part illegible.

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Fyrst that the Justics of peax shall [choose] twoo, three, foure, fyve common persones[1] overseers in [every] parishe who shall with all diligence serche [and] call before theime all the rest . . . . or suche of theym as they shall thynke right and convenyent that have no household and by way of examynacon and otherwise to trye whiche of theime have to occupie for mainteinyng and supportacon of theimselves and of there families either in husbandrie, handicraft or other labour or industrie and what provicon to maike for setting to warke theimselves, their wives, childeren and families.

Item in case thoverseers put thaire examynacon or otherwyse and fynde any man that useth no traide he may attane to his lyving or to sette wyfe, children and families to worke they perswade him and thame so founde in such sorte that he or they maike earnest promysez thenne furthwith to gyve themselfs to labour and worke for there livynge ; but also provide hempe, flax, woode . . . . other thinge for their wyves, children and familie to worke uppon and to see them occupied continually therin and to putt them to suche other occupacon or necessarie work as every of theime shalbe best apt to serve and use for the maintenaunce of . . . .[2] (*fo.* 56b) For in case that they shall find any person that haithe some husbandrie or occupacon or usethe some handecraft or arte and yett the same not sufficient to maintayne themself and familie that then they make perswacon that soche persones so founde wantinge to maike some fourther provision and gyve them selfs to some honest exercise to supplye the want of his living.

Item in case there shalbe any householder or other persones that after his perswasion and gentle admonicion do not followe and dillegentlie gyve themselfs to lefull industries, occupacon or labour then the said overseers not onely to impute and note them suspected persones, but also present theire names and havyours to the next Justics of peax to be used by imprisonment, whippinge or other wise as by the lawes and statutes appointed for idle and loytringe persons and also to be put under bunds for Common Mainprise accordynge to the lawes and statuts in that behalf.

Item that the said overseers or some of theeme and some tymes one and some tymes another as they can agree amonge themselfs associatinge them selfs with one or twoo honest neighboures shall repaire to every howse that they shall thincke mete within there charge nightlye or at the leaste ones or twyse in the weke and that as secretlie as they may some tymes after midnighte or in the latter ende of the night and there peruse and viewe any of the same house and yf they shall perceyve any of the same house to be absent and not a sufficient excuse and declaracon maide of his beinge furthe then the same men put in trust assone as the

[1] Common persons—i.e., members of the Commons or community of the Citizens.

[2] Illegible.

said persons so missinge shall come home to taik him as one suspected for some evil persone and hym to bryng affore the said Justics of peax to maike a sufficent prufe (*fo.* 57) of his . . . . . [1]

Item that the said overseers furthar after any felony committed wthin there lymytes or elles where in any other place assone as it shall come to there knowledge shall not onelie searche make house or chambre to se who was absent at that tyme but also procure that persons put in trust as overseers in the parishe or towneshippe shalbe brought to maike like searche and viewe in all the houses of their chardge who they can se to be then theyr absent and yf any suche are found suspeciously absent about the tyme of the fellonye comytted they then to . . . . . .[2] and furthwithe to bringe him affore the Justics of the peace of that lymitt to be examyned in that behalf.

Item that the said overseers in there said serches and examinacons shall have speciall respecte and care to knowe whether any straunger borne without Yorkshire may be found within there chardge and limytt and no cawse there be ; then to examyne him of his name, surname, native countrie and dwelling place and what was the cause of his departure thens and of his repayre to thiese parties and yf any cause of suspeccon may be found in hym then to bringe him before the Justics of the Peace for the limitts to be further examyned. And in case any person or persons shal shew them selfs arrogaunt or in any wyse obstynat, craftie, ruffian sorte or do refuse to obey the said overseers . . . .[3]

(*fo.* 57b). Item in case they shall find any person that haithe some husbandrie or occupacon or usethe some handicrafte or arte and yett the same not sufficient to maintayne himself and familie that they they make perswacion that soche persones so found wantinge to maike some fourther provision and give them selfs to some honest exercise to supply the want of his livinge.

Item in case there shalbe any householder or other persones that after this perswaccon and gentle admoniccon do not followe and diligentlie gyve them selfs to lefull industries, occupaccon or labour then the said overseers not onely to impute and note them suspected persones, but also present theire names and havyours to the next Justics of peace to be used by imprisonment, whippinge or otherwise as by the lawes and statutes appointed for idle and loytringe persons and also to be put under bonds of Common Mainprise accordyng to the lawes and statuts in that behalf.

Item that the said overseers or some of theime, and some tymes one and some tymes another as they can aggree amonge them selfs associatinge them selves with one or twoo honest neighboures do repaire to every house that they shall thincke mete within there charge nightelye or at the leaste ones or twyse in the weke

[1] Illegible.
[2] Illegible.
[3] Two lines here are illegible.

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and that as secretlie as they may some tymes after midnight or in the latter end of the nighte and there peruse and viewe any of the same house to be absent and not a sufficient excuse and declaraccon in and for his beinge furthe—then the same men put in trust assone as the said persone so missinge shalbe found and to taike him as one suspected of some evil offence and him to bringe affore the said Justics for punisshment.[1]

(*fo.* 58b). Item that the overseers fourthwith declare and signifie and maike known of his and there misdemeanours to the said Justics of peace and that the said Justics ymedeyatlie signifie the same to the Lord President or Vice-President and Counsell in theise North parties and also to put thoffendours under suerties for appearaunce before the said Lord President or Vice President and Counsell at convenyent day to aunswere and not to departe without licence and to certifie his bond.

Item that the said overseers put in trust as before and as often as occacon require signyfie by writinge to the Justics of peace of that lymite the state and rule of that parishe and towneshippe they have in charge together with there names and surnames of thoffendours and the degrees and qualities of thoffencs and in case they shall perceyve any negligence in the said Justics of the peace that they do not know their dueties . . . and to refurme thinges amisse where of they are privie then the said persones put in truste to signifie the defaulters of the said Justics of peace by writinge to the said Lord President and Vice President and Counsell so that the said Justics of peace may be sent for to aunswere and receive ponishement as shall apertigne.

Item to thintent the said overseers in every parishe or towneshippe that shalbe appointed as before to have the oversight and care of the good rule and ordre of the same may the better understand and knowe there chardge and followe the same, yt is ordred and commaunded that the said Justics of peace shall suffre theime to have copies of thies articles affore mencioned or of as many of them as conserns there charge to be written by such clarkes as they shall thinke best.

(*fo.* 59). Item that the said overseers or two of theime shall call before theime all inhabitants and other house kepers that use and frequently receyve and harbour anye straungers commaundyng theyme that when so ever anye suspecte persones do resorte unto their houses aforesaid that they reveale the same to some of the said overseers so that the said overseers or one of theime at the least taking some honest and substanciall neghbor or neghbors with hym may examyne the said suspecte persone before his or their departure thence and yf ther shalbe founde any mysdemeanour in the said suspect persones the said overseers shal bringe theme to the next Justice of peace ther to be further examyned and ordred accordinge to the lawes.

[1] The rest of this document on folio 58 is largely illegible.

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Item that the said overseers havyng before theime the inholders and receyvours of straungers as afforsaid shall gyve theime in charge that if anye man shall reporte within ther houses any sedicous or sclaunderous rumours concernyng religion or towchyng the Kinge and Quenes majesties, the commonwelthe of this realme or anye of the nobilitie shall reporte the same before the departure of the said persones to the overseers; and the said overseers to bringe the persones so offendinge before the Justics of peace there to be ordred accordinge to his diserts; and in case the said inholders and receyvours of straungers do not reporte the same to the overseers or the overseers after reportinge made to theime do not imediatlie declare the same to the said Justics of peace aforsaid that whiche of the same so offendinge shal incurr and suffre suche punyshement provyded for the reportars of suche sedicious and slaunderous wordes.

fo. 60. **Begging in Holy Week.**

5 April 3 and 4 Philip and Mary (1557). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

It is ordered that the poore of thys Citie shall not be suffred to goo abrode beggyng on Maundy Thursday or Good Fryday but shall kepe in; and the constables in every paroche to gather the devocion of good folke for the poore ageynst the sayd days and soo to be distributed emongs theym; and that maister beggers on the sayd days shall watche the barres of this Citie soo that no vacabund or poor cometh in.

fo. 60b. **The Parson of St. Saviour's and St. Anthony's Hospital.**

7 April 3 and 4 Philip and Mary (1557). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Sir Thomas Lever, parson of Saynt Saviour did shewe one indenture under the seale of the Hospitall of our Lady and Saynt Martyne nowe called Saynt Anthonys wherby it appered that he as parsone ought for certayne consideracons therin conteyned to have iij^{s} iiij^{d} yerely forth of the sayd Hospitall but yet at the desyer of this presens and consideryng the decaye and povertie of the said hospitall the sayd Sir Thomas during his tyme is content to take onely ij^{s} a yere in recompense.[1]

fo. 61. **Scarborough Castle reported seized. Defence measures adopted.**

25 April 3 and 4 Philip and Mary (1557). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

It was opened by my Lord Mayour that this afternone one Maister Clargenet and Harwood the Queenes servant came hastely

[1] In a 14th century boundary of St. Saviour's parish St. Anthony's is mentioned as one of the parochial bounds.

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unto hym from by Skarburgh, tellyng hym of trewth that a certayne nombre of the Quenes enemyes are this mornyng invaded at Skarburgh and hath taken the castell there.[1]

Wherapon it was aggreed that for saffgard of the Kyng and Queenes majestie—first one witty and trusty person shalbe sent to Skarbrogh with speyd to lerne the certenty herein and to bryng perfect word agayn howe all things do stand.

And also that the barres and postrons of this Citie shalbe dylegently watched this nyght and so furth every nyght suerly kepte by vj honest and hable franchest men in harnes in every barr and postron with ij, and to be furthwith warnyd by tofficers and set furth by the constables of every paroche. And also that the same constables with all dylygence geve commandement to every man within this Citie that they and every of theim be in a redynesse to serve the Kyng and Queenes majesties within one howers warnyng accordyng to the lait certificate to my Lord Mayour and other Aldermen, Justics, etc.

Item that all thyngs necessary for the beacon at Bilborugh be mayd in a redynesse by the Sheryffs, whatsoever shalbe nedyd to be all of the Chambre costs and the iron brandreth[2] to be delyvered to the sayd Sheryffs baylyfs to be carryed to Bilbrough.

And that the balyfs of thaynstie geve advertysement of the sayd newes to Sir Robert Stapylton, Sir William Fayrfax, Maister Thwate, Maister Thomas Fayrfax, Maister Vavasour of Copmanthorp and other gentry of thaynsty to thentent to be in the better reddynes to serve the Kyng and Queenes majestie if neyd be ; and that Maister Thomas Fayrfax be desyeryd to hede the beacon accordyng to his promesse.

(*fo.* 61b). Item that Maister Drewe, Sherryfe, be commaundyd to kepe his abydyng here within his offyce and chardge at his perill.

Item it is agreyd that a letter shalbe mayd and sent by my Lorde Mayour unto Marmaduke Bekwith at Brymham as followeth.

To Maister Marmaduke Bekwith, gentylman, at Brymham geve this.

After hartie recommendacons ; these ar to signefy unto you that I have receyved your letter wrytten at Brymham the xxiij of this present Aprill, the contents wherof bothe I and my Bredern do well perceyve ; and as for sewte at the Common Lawe agaynst any person concernyng takyng dystres of any our Citizens for tolne at Rypon we ar content to cause the saime to be servyd accordyng to your requeste, desyeryng and requeryng you in like maner for your parte at this next fayer at Rypon gently to entreat our

[1] See *The History of Scarborough.* A. Rowntree, 1931, p. 214 *ff.* Under the leadership of Sir Thomas Stafford, nephew of Cardinal Pole, Scarborough Castle was seized. The affair was soon ended and those who had taken part in it punished. Stafford was beheaded on Tower Hill, London. Some were executed at York ; their bodies quartered, or "boiled," and set up as a warning in various places.

[2] Brandreth ; a round grate on three legs.

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cocitizens of Yorke and to stay frome takyng any tolne of them unto suche tyme we accordyng to your promesse have hadd communicacon in the premisses, assertenyng you that all that whiche right and equytie shall requyer we wylbe gladd to be conformable unto, as our trust is likewyse yowe entend to doe the same; as knoweth God who kepe you.

Frome Yorke the xxv of Aprile 1557.

By yours, Robert Hall, Mayour of the Citie of York.

fo. 62. **Reward to the man who rode to Scarborough.**

26 April 3 and 4 Philip and Mary (1557). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Edward Galpyn for his diligence, peynes and chardgs rydyng to Skarburgh to bryng perfect certificat of the doyngs of the rebelles, traytors newely invadyng and entrynge the castell there, shall have in reward v^{s} of the Chambre costs.

fo. 63. **The carcases of the Scarborough traitors.**

The City thanked.

21 May 3 and 4 Philip and Mary (1557). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that thexpenses and costs of the boylyng and carieng and settyng up of the carcases of the late traytours abowte this Cite amontyng to xij^{s} vj^{d} shalbe payd of the Chambre chardgs.

To our trustie and right welle belovyd the Lord Maiour of our Citie of York.

By the King and the Queene.

Trustie and right welbeloved we grete you well; and where we be credably enformed by lettres frome our ryght trustie and welle beloved cosyn and consellar thearle of Shrewsebery, Lord Presydent of our Counsell in our Northe parties, of your delegence used as well for the puttyng in a redynes of hable men to serve undre our sayd cosyn as thei shold have ben commaunded and also of the substanciall ordre taken by you and for the saffety, good ordre and defense of this our Citie if nede had soo requyered; as you have in that behalf shewed your selfs att redynesse to the trust whiche wee have repoosed in yow soo doe we gyve unto you oure very harty thanks for the same; requyeryng you of your contynewaunce in the same with tharreadynes of your sayd men apon one howers warnyng. At Sheffelde, thredde day of May.

And by their Counsell.

fo. 65. **A York baker's outburst.**

Mem. that the xxth of May 1557 afore the right worshipfull Robert Hall, Maiour of the Citie of Yorke, William Cowpland, Alderman, Justicez of peax.

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[1] Thomas Hiltone of Hiltone in the countie of Westmerland, esquier, sworne, deposith, affirmethe and saieth apon his othe that yesterday beyng Weddynsday after sex of the clocke at after none in the street that cometh from Maister Standevens to Edward Turners hous, Robert Fyssher of the Citie of Yorke, baker, by chanse mette with Richard Dudley of Yauwith in Westmerland, esquier ; this examinate and others beyng than with his company and quietly goyng about their busynesse ; and the saied Fyssher seeng the said Maister Dudley so farre as this examinate culd perceyve saied unto hym with a loude voice—Dudley—thow art a traytour and all thy kynne and blode traytours and a traytour theif—and offered to gyve hym strokes with a hammar whiche he than held in hys hand and Maister Dudley answered—Well you pygstwer thy words are known.

Rychard Machell of Calberte in Cumberland, esquier, Robert Dalston, of Ulton in Cumberland, gentleman, Lancelot Salkeld, gentleman, Guy Carletone of Northam castle in Northumberland, Connstable of the same castle, sworne, and saye, every of theym, that they were than and there present in company with the saied Maister Dudley and hard all the saied slaunderouse words spoken by the saied Fyssher and also his saied behaviour and answer of Maister Dudley in forme above declared by the saied Maister Hilton.

And the saied Lancelot Salkeld farther saieth that this mornyng he hard Fyssher saie : Dudley, have you on your barley cappe[1] as ye had yesterday night.

Philippe Mason of the Citie of Yorke, mason, saieth apon his othe, that about mydlent last Robert Fyssher saied in Bothome streete—Philippe when will Duke Dudley be here.

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(*fo.* 65b). Robert Fysher of the Citie of Yorke, baker, of lx yeres sworne and sayeth apon his othe that he knoweth no maner of treason or other like offence in the saied Maister Dudley, but onely that hys stomake rose up agaynst hym for that he hayth first called hym—what Sir seale pygge newe come frome the pyllorie and pilllory knave—and then he called hym agayne—Traytour Dudley—and naimed not all his kynne and that this mornyng in the mynster he saied also to the saied Maister Dudley—well Maister Dudley have ye on the barley cappe ye had on yesternight.

fo. 67b. **A new wait appointed.**

25 June 3 and 4 Philip and Mary (1557).

Robert Husthwait is taken to be one of the common waits of this Citie apon his good behaviour and diligens ; and after he be

[1] A York Baker's outburst in a York street against a Westmoreland gentleman who was accompanied by several members of well-known North Country families. To accuse anyone of wearing a "barley cap" means to charge him with being drunk.

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franchesyd the sylver[1] cheyne with the skutcheon apon suerty to be delyvered unto hym by weight and tale.

fo. 68b. **Light horsemen to be got ready.**

10 July 3 and 5 Philip and Mary (1557). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 9 of the xxiv.

To our trustie and wellbeloved the Mayour of our Citie of York and all others the Justics of peax of our sayd Citie and the county of the same and to every of theym.

By the Kyng and the Queene.

Trusty and welbeloved we grete you well. Forasmuch as it is convenyent for the good salfegard and defense of our fronters ageynst Scotland and for the resistence of all invasions and sodayne attemptats that may be offered by the enemye opon any cost of the North parties of this our realme to have in a redynesse a good nombre of light horsmen; we therfore woll requyere you to put in a redynes soo many light horsmen as herbefore ye have done within this our Citie of York and the county of the same accordyng to one booke whiche we have sent to our right trusty and right welbeloved cosyn and counsellor Therle of Shrewesbery; and that ye certifie your nombre to our sayd cosyn before the xx^th^ day of July instant.

ix of July

And by their Counsell.

fo. 74b. **Cleaning the Ouse. Present to the Earl of Shrewsbury.**

9 August 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1557). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 2 of the xxiv.

Whereas a communicacon was latly had with Maister Mathewe Hirst concernyng clensyng of a certaine part of Ouse for easy passage of shippes to and fro this Citie; the sayd Mathewe first to begynne with his work at the stathe where most nede is and as his sayd worke there shalbe lykely and prove than further ordre to be taken.

And that xx nobles shalbe debursed of the Common Chambre abowt the buying of necessarie stuffs therfor and payng of the workmen wages.

It is further aggreed that the Earle of Shrewsbery shalbe presented of the Chambre costs with twoo hoggusheads of wyne, thone of redd and thother white, and one ponchon of frenche wyne in consideration he is speciall good lord to this poore citie.

fo. 75b. **A Hundred Pounds lent to Sir Thomas Gargrave.**

18 August 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1557). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 11 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

1 Six of these silver chains are still in existence.

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Apon request of Sir Thomas Gargrave, knt., concernyng loane of C^li^ unto hym by my Lord Mayour and worshipfull [men] of this Citie to be made towards certeyne the Queenes majesties affaires presently to be sett forthward by motion nowe of my Lord Mayour the worshipfull now present have offered to deburse towards the same, as foloweth. Maister North lx^s^, Maister Hykleton lx^s^, etc.[1] amountyng in all to xlix^li^ and the Chambreleyns to deburse xx^li^. And soo my Lord Maiour is content to make up the resydewe of the sayd somme of C^li^.

fo. 81. **Carpenters and Joiners.**

16 September 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1557). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 2 out of the xxiv.

And where in the tyme of the Mayoraltie of Maister North a certayne unyon of the carpentars and joynars of this Citie was approved and confirmed accordyng as it was dyvised and aggreed in Maister Lawson tyme provyded allwayes that the head serchors of the joynars shuld be at the election of the Mayour, Aldermen and Shirefs as well as the head serchors of the carpentars ; to thentent nowe that this proviso be not taken ne used otherwise than our chartre of election doethe admytte and also for avoydyng dissenton emongs the sayd crafts it is aggreed that thentent and meanyng of the sayd proviso is that the head serchar of carpentars shold be at the sayd election one yere and the head serchar of the joynars an other yere and soo forth yerely.

fo. 81b. **York asked for seven carts with horses for the Scottish campaign. Protest against this.**

20 September 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1557).

To our trustie and welbeloved the Maiour and Aldermen of our Citie of Yorke and to every of them.

By the King and Quene.

Trustie and wellbelovyd we grete you well ; and forasmuche as we be inforced by the felonye of the Scotts, our auncyent enemyes, to call fourth our army of our lovyng subjects for the defence and savegard of this our Realme and the fronntiers of the same, where unto our said enemyes doth daly such annoyance as they cann, and entendeth as we be enformyd to enter the same with a great army; and for the necessarie furnytour of our said army we are forced to provyde for a good nombre of carryags to be taken emongs our loving subjects in these North partes ; we therfore for the specyall truste and confydence we have in your wysdomes and dexteryties have thought good to will and requyer you ymediatlie to prepare with all possible speyde within our Citie of Yorke and Countie of the same seven hable and sufficyent carryags of waynes and

[1] And 17 others present.

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carts, wherof so many be carts with horses as convenyently may be and every carte to have six horses at the least and two able men carters, thone with a bill and thother with a bowe, and for every cart or wayne to have a spare axill tree and to take ordre to have and kepe the same carts (*fo.* 82) in suche perfect a readynes as they may sett forthwards upon one howers warnyng to be brought to the place for service under the conduction of suche our commissioners as we have appoynted for that purpose.

xviij^th^ day of Septembre

And by their Counsell.

Aftre whiche lettre soo redde and welle understood, to avoyde soo moche as maybe suche inconvenyent burdenyng of this Citie with newe chardgs whiche never hithertoo have ben nor can be gotten or had in the same, it is nowe therfor aggreed that Henry Thwayts, esquier at the mace, beyng here sufficientlie instructed shall forthwith ride to the right honorable Lord President to sewe in name of my Lord Mayour and Aldermen for redresse herin ; and alsoo a lettre now dyvised to Sir Thomas Gargrave to be sent with hym.

The lettre to Maister Gargrave.

Right worshipfull in our most hartie maner we commend us unto your good maistership, ascertaynyng the same that soone after your departure forth of this Citie we receyed the Kyng and Queenes majesties letter of commission for preparyng within this Citie and County of the same seven carts and waynes with horses for their gracs service to be ready within an hour warnyng; and for soo moch lyke as within this Citie there is neyther horse carts ne waynes soo it never hithertoo was chardged with any suche carriags. And ageyne consideryng the untowardnes of theym of the Aynsty we can in no wise devyse howe to gett in a readynes emongs theym the sayd carriags. Wherefor we nowe hartely beseche your good maistership lyke as ye always have ben to be our frend herin to our very specyall good lord, the Lorde President, as to helpe to gett us (*fo.* 82b) dischardged of the sayd carrags. And if carrags must nede be had within the Aynstie then yow to be a meane to gett us a speciall commisson for takyng and preparyng all suche carrags as be within the sayd Aynsty, as well within liberties as withoute, for carts be there none. And thus praying you to geve further credens to this bearar we beseche Allmighty God to preserve your good maistership in moche worship with good health.

xx^th^ of September 1557.

Robert Hall, Mayour.

fo. 84b. **York soldiers to go to Newcastle.**

28 September, St. Mathew Day 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1557). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 11 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

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To our trustie and wellebeloved the Mayour of our Citie of York.

By the Kyng and the Queene.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete you well; and forasmuch as the queene dowager of Scotland hath presentely raysed an armye entendyng therwith to annoy oure fronnters for the resistaunce wherof and for the defens and saulfty of this our realme we are forced presently to call forth oure army; and therfore woll and requier you to repayre with all possible spede the Capteyn and hundreth men appoynted forth of that our Citie of Yorke; soo that he and they faill not to be at our towne of Newcastell the vth day of Octobre next unto our right trustie and right wellbeloved cosin and counsellar thearle of Shrewesberi, Lord Presedent of our Counsell in the North parties to serve us under hym or as he shall appoynt theym. Faill ye not herof as we specially trust you and as ye wille answer to the contrary at your perill.

Newcastell the xxvij day of Septembre
And by their Counsell.

(*fo.* 85). And herapon for the sure and spedie preparyng in a readynesse to be sent forth accordyngly it was nowe aggreed that all the sayd C men shall be eftsones viewed by my Lord Mayour and Aldermen, that is to say, they of this Citie on Heworth moor on Thursday next by tenne of the clocke in the mornynge; and they of the Aynsty on fryday next by eight of the clocke at Knavesmyre.

And it was further ordayned that suche horses as the saied soldyers shall ride on to Newcastell shall take their departure forth of this Citie, be priced by iiij honest men indifferently to thentent that if any the said horses chanse to myscarie and not come home agayne that the ownar therof may be payed for the same accordyng to the sayd price. And also that vj^d^ a day shall be paid for hyer of every the sayed horses soo long as they do serve bothe outward and homeward, with all other necessary chardgs about theym and all the same payment to be made of the paroche that sett theym forth.[1]

fo. 94. **Expenses of the Captain and Petty Captain.**

29 October 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1557). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

The cheyf capten and petty captyn mayd accompte of that vj^li^ xiij^s^ iiij^d^ to them delyvered of the Chambre, money at there settyng forth towards Skotland, that is to say, of the Liij^s^ iiij^d^ delyvered to the cheif capteyn and iiij^li^ to the petty captyn and ther apon they were surplusage as may appere by their byll entryd in the Chambrelaynes accompts ij^s^ xj^d^ whiche some was nowe agreyd shall be thankfully payd theym of the Chambre money.

[1] On folios 87 to 90b are names of the soldiers of York and Ainsty.

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fo. 95b. **Dangerous Fishgarths.**

26 November 4 and 5 Philip and Mary. *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayour, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

To the right worshipfull Sir Thomas Metham, Knyght.

After our very hartie commondacons; where apon comunicacon betwene you and us the King and Queenes majesties commyssioners at our last viewe of the noyfull fyshegarthes within the rivers of Ouse and Humbre ye moved to us that your poore neighburghes, fysshermen, myght have commoditie of settinge fyshegarthes within the said rivers, promysing us that ye wold take upon yow in all convenient spede to se they should be soo reformed that they should be in no wise noyfull to any shyps or vessels with merchandyse or other wares passing by the said fyshegarthes, sythens whiche time apon complaint to us made of certaine nusancs of fyshegarthes yet remayning, we of the Citie charges did send certaine trusty persones purposely to view and consider the same and therapon to advertise us of the truth therin, who haith now credebly informed us that in dede certaine of the said noyfull fyshegarthes be reformed, some wholly taken away and some part taken away, but yet emongs others there is certaine stumpes or piles being the wholl foundacon of a bond fyshegarthe remayning ageinst Yokefleit milne very noyfull and perillows for that they do not stond where meete passage for shypps is but also when the fludde is then be all coverd under the watta so that the passagers can in no wise se to avoyd the danger of theym, whiche stumpes or (*fo.* 96) old fyshegarthes so far as we can yet lerne belong unto you. Wherefore we shall require you to se the said fyshegarthes and stumpes be pulled up and taken away before Chrystmas next as our trust is you will or elles we shalbe enforced to use extremytie therin whiche we are lothe to do, as knowes God, who preserve you in muche worship and good helthe. Frome York the xxvj of November 1557.

Your lovyng frends, Robert Hall, Mayor, and commissioners abovesayd.

fo. 97b. **Petition of the Bakers.**

16 December 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1557). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 11 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Exhibited by the serchers of bakers, free bakers of this Citie, one bill of supplicacon ageynst the boll bakers.

To the right honorable and their speciall good Lord Mayor and the worshypful bredrene Aldermen of this Citie of Yorke; humbly compleynyng shewing unto your good lordship and your sayd worshipfull Bretherne your obedyent cocitizens, Leonard Londesdale, Robert Henryson and Thomas Tysone, serchars of the occupacon or mystery of free bakers within the said Citie for and in

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the names of all the good men of the same craft that where the sayd occupcaon . . . .[1] it is most . . . . . within every good toune soo withine this toune is taken for one of the head crafts of the same either for Common Counsell and for electyons of the Mayour and Sherifs, whiche craft also in auncient tyme hathe bene so maintiened within this Citie that the good men, free occupars of the same, have moche prospered and have ben very wealthie and hable as well for bearyng the chardges of offices of the sayd Citie as to make substantiall provision at all tymes nedefull bothe for the Kyngs majesties, and for this Citie, unto no[w] alate that by suffryng certayne persons of other occupacons as dyers, tapiters, glovers, cordyners and sundry others called bolle bakers as well men as women nothing experte or connyng in the said misterie of baking, whiche regardinge neyther the worship, good ordre nor yet common profitt of this Citie for their syngular advantage onely at certayne tymes when they thinke moost gaynes do in great nombre at their owne pleasure take apon theym to bake some two busshels at ones and in most part but one busshell at ones and when most nede is, leffyng of as oft as they will, where your orators are still bounden to serve the city ; wherapon suche evident and so many inconvenyencs do folowe that yt nedeth not to be here recyted for the free bakers having none other shifte of lyving are utterly impoverisshed (*fo.* 98) and decayed, they can gett no apprentises to serve theym . . . . unable and unlawfull bread ys dayly made and great quantitie of fuell ys wilfully wasted. May it therfor please your good Lordship and your sayd worshipfull and discrete counsell by your politike counsell, wisdomes to devise and ordre that frome hensforthe no maner of persone or persones of this Citie but onely suche as be free men, bakers, of the same, shalbe suffred in any wise to bake or sell as they have done within this Citie apon certayne penalties by theym to be forfayted.[2]

fo. 99b. **M.P.'s to be chosen.**

22 December 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1557). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Was redde the Kyng and Queenes majesty writte of summons to the Sherifs of this Citie directed for a Parliament to be holden the xix^th^ day of January ; and for the twoo citizens of this Citie, Burgesses of the sayd Parliament to be chosen accordyng to the effecte of the sayd wryttes. Maister William Holme and Maister Robert Pacocke, twoo of the Aldermen, was nowe thought men most mete and sufficient for to be chosen the Citizens of the sayd Parliament ; and all the sayd presens freeholders have promised to gyve the sayd twoo theyre voyces at the next court day.

[1] Illegible.
[2] Ordinances to remedy these grievances follow.

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fo. 101b. **Instructions for M.P.'s.**

11 January 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1557-8).

Assembled in the Common Hall of this Citie with a good part of the honest and discrete Citizens of the Common Counsell of the same whan and where my Lorde Mayour did open unto the sayd commonaltie of election and goynge up of our Burgesses unto the Parliament requyryng theym to dyvyse some instructions to be labored for by the same Burgesses above for the honour and profit of this Citie.

fo. 102. **The Corporation of Hull orders York to help in providing ships.**

15 January 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1557-8). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Was redde by the Common Clerke one letter to my Lord Mayor and Aldermen of this Citie directed from the Mayor and Aldermen of Hull.

Right honourable our hartie commendacions premysed these shalbe to advertyse you that the xijth day of January instant we receyved lettres frome the King and Quenes prevay counsell and the direccion of the same ys not onely extendyng unto us the Mayour and Burgesses of Hull but also unto all other the King and Quenes loving subjects inhabityng and dwelling within any membre or membres belongyng unto the same porte of Hull, and forsomuche as you are one of the cheyff membres belongyng unto the same porte of Hull we have thought good for the bettre servyse of the King and Quenes highnes to asserten you of the necessitie of this servyce, whiche is with all possible speyd to furnyshe, doble mand and set forth to the narro sees all suche good shippes as may in any wise be mayd reddy and meyte for his service and attend apon my Lord Admyrall for the reschue of thinymye whome have alreddy wonne Rysbank and Mervyns, Brugge and partly beseiged (*fo.* 102b) towne of Calyse as the tenour of the same lettres importeth, to thintent we may have your diligente aide in the premysses whiche no lesse appertenyth unto you then to us being a principall membre of this porte and recyving the benefit of the same ; requyryng you mooste hartely to be forward in this our service and that with suche diligence as appertenyth and to asserteyn us by this berer in wrytyng what ayd we shall have at your hands of men and money for our intent to sett furth at least tenne of the best shipps whiche on chardges will amounte to no lytle somme ; and thus nothing doutyng of your good conformytes and dewties herin to be shewyd, whiche of our parts shall not be unknowen in reportyng of the same as occasion furnych, we bydd yow mooste hartely fayerwell. Frome Hull the xiiijth day of January at ix of the clok in the nyght, 1557.

Your loving frends,

Robert Dalton, Mayor (and nine others).

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After which lettre soo redde, debated and considered it was dyvised and aggreed that my Lord Mayour by worde of mouth onely shold declare presently to the brynger of the sayd lettre tarying for answer ageyne of the same, in forme and effect folowyng : we have receyved a lovyng lettre from Maister Mayor and Aldermen of Hull for aidyng theym with men and money towards settyng forth of certayne shipps to attend apon the lord Admyrall ; I pray shewe Maister Mayor and his Aldermen that without special commaundment from the King and Queenes majestyes we dare not sett forth any man ; and that we take further advyse therin by our lerned counsell.[1]

fo. 103b. **Council Meeting in the Minster.**

Mem. that apon sonday beyng the xvjth of January behynde St. Christofer within York mynster it was aggreed by my Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Shirefs with part of the xxiiij than present that a letter drawen by Maister Recorder at request of my Lord Mayors lettre shall be made up in all their names and sent unto the Mayor and Aldermen of Hull.

fo. 104. **Reply to Hull.**

17 January 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1557-8). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

To the right worshipfull Maister Mayor and Aldermen of Kyngeston apon Hull ; after our hartie commendacons unto you, havyng receyved your lettres wherin doeth appere that ye have receyved lettres from the Kyng and Queenes highnes prevay counsell (*fo.* 104b) and that the direction of the same is not onely extendyng to you, but also unto all other the King and Queenes lovyng subjects dwellyng within any membre or membres of their highnes port of Hull, whiche lettres purporteth the necessary service to bee done for the settyng forth of shippes to the narowe seas for the resistens of enemyes in seegyng of toune of Calyce as by the same your lettres appereth more at large. And where ye doo expounde the Mayer and Citizens of the Citie of York to be a membre belongyng to the same port of Hull that is not trewe nor ever was soo used nor taken nor the direction of their highnessez lettre is noe warrant for you to wright to us as your lettre purporteth, for that the Citie of York nor the inhabitants thereof is not within the port of Hull, for it is a Citie of itself and no membre. And whan soever it shall please the Kyng and Quenes moost honourable Consell to wryght to us for any service by us to be done we shalbe ready to the uttermost of our power. And soo fare you well. Frome Yorke xvjth of January. Your frends, Robert Hall, Mayor, and his bredren Aldermen.

The letter from Hull was sent to the Recorder asking him for advice.

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fo. 106. **Price of Victuals.**

19 January 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1557-8).

The pryce of dyvers vitale was assessed to be bought within this Citie as followeth.

The best capon x^{d}. The best pygge x^{d}. The best goyse x^{d}. The best hen v^{d}. Sex eggs at 1^{d}. a cople of conys viij^{d}. a wodcoke iiij^{d}. a plover iij^{d}. a teale ij^{d}. a mallard iiij^{d}. a partryche iij^{d}.

And all other of manner pryces as there chapmen and they can agree, and who soever payeth above the sayd pryces shall forfayt and pay therefor to the Common Chambre iij^{s} iiij^{d} And that no maner of person shall tayke any of the sayd vytales ageynst the wyll of the sellers therof, but yf they wyl not sell them accordyng to the sayd pryces or under, to lett them depart hence with there sayd vytell and who soever dothe make dewe presentment of any that offendeth this ordynaunce shall have the third parte of suche fynes as shalbe payd for the same offence.

Also it is agreyd that the constables and offycers of every ward of this Citie shall go and geve commaundements and warnyng to every honest howseholder within there iiij wards that none of them frome Satterday next shall geve or pay for any of the saide vytells above the pryces assessyd for the same apon the payne above expressyd.

fo. 107. **Bakers' Ordinances. Present to the Earl of Westmoreland. Millers and Malt.**

28 January 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1557-8). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

As towchyng thordre to be had for the free bakers ageynst the boll bakers it was further treated and ordeyned that none of the sayd bakers, their free bakers, their wyfs ne servants ne any other for theym from michelmas to candlemas shall come in the market before one of the clocke in the after none ; and from candlemas to michelmas afore two of the clocke ; nor alsoo shall buye any corne comyng to the market in their housez or in any streets but onely in the market place accustomed after the sayd howres apon payne of forfaytoure iij^{s} iiij^{d}.

Item that the sayd frebakers with convenyent spede shall bryng in a just weight and price of their horsbread accordyng to the rate of the sayd weight of their white bread.

Also it is agreyd that the right honourable Erle of Westmorland, Lord Lieutenaunte generall in these North parties, at his commyng to this Citie shall have a present of the Chambre costs viz. in maynbread vj^{s} viij^{d} ; ypocras a gallon ; muskatyne ij gallons ; sugar iij loves vij^{lb} or viij^{lb} a pece.

None of the occupacon of mylners of this Citie, there wyves, servaunts nor other of them shall frome henseforth come within the malte market within this Citie nor precinct of the same to by

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any malte for themselfs nor for any other person or persones for to grynd apon payn of forfature iij^{s} iiij^{d} a pece.

fo. 108.

31 January 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1557-8).

Aggreed that the Earl of Westmorland shold have more provyded unto his present to be gyven hym vj^{lb} bysketts, vj^{lb} caraways and twoo boxes of fyne marmalaid, yf it can be goten, of the Chambre costs.

fo. 108b. **Visit of the Earl of Westmoreland. One of the City's Swords lent.**

1 February 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1557-8). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Henry Thwayts, esquire-at-the-mace, shall with all convenyent spede ryde unto my Lord of Westmorland, nowe Lord Lieutenaunt generall in the North, to knowe certaynly what tyme his Lordship will come to this Citie to thentent my Lord Mayor with the worshipfull and most honest of this Citie in decent wise may attend to wellcome his Lordship to this Citie accordyng to there deutie to the Kyngs and Quenes majesties lieutenaunt.

Item that there shalbe lent to thands of Sir Oswald Willesthrop to be borne afore my sayd Lord the myddle sword of this Citie ; and that the same shall be delyvered by wryghtying testifienge the borowyng of the same accordyngly.

fo. 109. **City Officials sworn in.**

St. Blaise Day 3 February 1557-8. *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 15 of the xxiv.

Assemblyed in the Common Hall of this Citie the Common Counsell, the serchers of occupacons and a great nombre of Commons of this Citie were also assemblyd for the sweryng of the newe Mayor and other offycers ; first the sercher rolle was callyd begynnyng at the Aldermen, Sheryffs, xxiiij of Counsell of this Citie, the Comon Counsell and all the serchers in the sercher rolle frome the firste to the last ; then the old Mayour tuke his leyf and the newe Mayour tuke his othe ; then the Aldermen, Sheryffs and xxiiij, then the Common Clerke, the mayce berer and swordberer tuke there othes, then v of the six offycers at mayce and then the Commons tuke there othe accustomyd.

Also the same day and playce there was awdytours appoynted for settyng of the last accomptes as appereth in the Chambreleyns boke of accompts.

fo. 109b. **The most substantial and honest men of the City and Ainsty.**

4 February 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1557-8). *Present*—Ralph Hall, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

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My Lord Mayour shewed that this instant day Sir Oswald Willesthrop, Knight, in my Lord Lieutenaunt name did requyre to have a certificat of all the most substanciall and honest men of this Citie and Aynstie to be made with all convenyent spede.

Wherapon it was nowe aggreed to thentent to shewe theymselfs obedient accordyng to theffecte of the King and Quenes majestie commisson newly proclaymed apon the Pavement by commandement of the sayd Lieutenaunt and in hope to have hym there speciall good Lord towards this poore Citie a bille shalbe therfor fayr wrytten and delyvered to his good lordship.[1]

fo. 111. **A timely present.**

5 February 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1557-8). *Present*—Ralph Hall, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs.

Aggreed that for soo moche as Sir Oswald Willesthrop is perceyved to be favorable to this Citie and may doo moche with my Lord Lieutenaunt in easyng the importable chardges that is like to happen in settyng forth of men by this Citie he shal in consideracon thereof have gyven hym of the Chambre chardgs tenne pounds in golde.

fo. 112. **A new Tax. Muster in the Old Baile.**

8 February 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1557-8). *Present*—Ralph Hall, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Was redde a lettre sent frome our Burgessys of the present Parliament, advertysing my Lord Mayor and his Bretherne that a request is all ready made in the Parliament for a subsidy and taxe to be granted, desyeryng to knowe their further pleasures, whether they shall after the Parliament ended make sewte for release of part of the tax of this Citie as it was in the last tyme of Kyng Edward and begynnyng of the Quenes majesties regne that now is. Wherapon it was nowe aggreed that a lettre of answer in my Lord Mayor name and his Bretherne shalbe made unto the sayd Burgesses, desyeryng by the same that one of theyme after the Parliament ended will take peyne to tary and procede in the sayd seute by the space of a sevenight or tenne dayes ; and if in that space the sayd sewte can not be redyly obteyned withoute great chardgs than to leave off by his discrecon unto the Chambre be better stored in money beyng at this instant soore burdened by reason of settyng forth CC soldyars in the Quenes service ageynst Scotland with all spede.

[1] A list of names follows. First the Lord Mayour, Aldermen, Sheriffs, then the names of 18 who have been Sheriffs and are members of the body known as the xxiv. On folio 110 are the leading Commoners 87 in number ; on folio 110b 15 gentlemen of the Aynsty and 13 farmers. Amongst the names of leading York Commoners we find—John Weddell, Oswald Wilkinson, "jayler," Stephen Tubby, "phisicon," Richard Clitherow, Robert Tessymond, William Fawks, John Skaife, "pursuivant."

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Item it is aggreed that by virtue of my Lord Lieutenaunt commission mustre shalbe taken to morowe by ix of the clock in the Old Baill and warnyng to be forthwith gyven to all of this Cite betwene the aige of Lx and xvj to be thar in a redynesse.[1]

fo. 114. **Sir Martin Bowes founds an Obit.**

This indenture maid the xth day of February betwene the Mayour and Commonaltie and Cittizens of the countie of the Citie of York on thone partie and Sir Martyne Bowes, Knight, Citizen and Alderman of the Citie of London on the other partye, wytnesseth that where the said Sir Martine Bowes, Knight, for the consideracons herafter expressed haith geaven, delivered and payd unto the sayd Maiour and Cominaltie and Citizens of York the somme of thre scoure poundes of lawfull money of England and one bason and one ewer of sylver parcell gilt weying three scoure and thirtene ounes whiche somme of lx^li^ and bason and ewer of sylver the sayd Maior and Cominaltie and Citizens do acknowledge themselfs to have received of the sayd Sir Martyne Bowes and theirof do clerely acquite, release and dyscharge the sayd Sir Martine Bowes, hys heyres, executours and adminystratours by thes presents ; in consyderacon of whiche some of lx^li^ and bason and ewer of silver the said Maiour and Cominaltie and Citizens do covenante, promisse, graunte and agree for them and their successours to and with the sayd Sir Martine Bowes, hys heyres, executours and admynistratours by thes presentes that they the sayd Maior and Cominaltie and Citizens and there successours shall yerely for evermore from the feast of the Annuncyation of our blessed Lady St. Mary the Virgine next ensuyng after the date herof pay, employ and bestowe or cause to be payd, employed and bestowed the some of thre poundes of lawfull money of England for towardes and abowte suche godly uses and intents as be herafter expressed, that is to say, that then the said Maiour etc. for the accomplyshment of the well meanyng and intent of the said Sir Martine Bowes, Knight, shall cause the churche wardens of St. Cuthbert cherche in Peseholme in the said Citie of Yorke and the curate of the said churche for the tyme being to dystribute every sonday in the yeare for evermore within the sayd churche sixe pens in breade to v severall poore householders be it men or women of the said paryshe of St. Cuthbert in the honour of the v woundes of our Lord Jesus Chryst, that is to say, to every one of them one peny loaf and that the said v penny loafes shalbe geven at the fount stone within the said churche when service is done before none and the vj^th^ penny loaf of the sayd half dossen of breade then the said Maiour etc. shall every sonday in the yeare for evermore cause to be delivered to the persone, curate or clerke of the sayd paryshe churche for the time being or their assignes towardes the dicharging of the holy bread geven every

[1] Then follows the commission for muster from the Lord Lieutenant.

sonday in the said churche and that the same shalbe by the persone of the said churche, hys curate or deputie employed for the holy breade within the said church ; and of the half penny loaf being the advantage of the said vj^{d} breade the said Maiour etc. every suche sonday in the yeare for evermore (*fo.* 114b) cause to be delivered to the persone of the said churche for the tyme being or his deputie to hys owne use towardes the maintenance of the candell leight upon ye heigh altar for that present day ; and that they the said Maiour etc. for the godly uses before expressed shall wekely pay for evermore to the churche wardens of the said Churche of St. Cuthbert vj^{d} in money ; and furthermore the said Maiour etc. do covenant etc. for them and for their successours to and with the said Sir Martine Bowes etc. by thes presents that they the said Maiour etc. in consideracon likwyse of the said lx^{li} and bason and ewer of sylver shall yerely for evermore apon St. Martines day in the moneth of November or within ij days before or within ij days after cause one solempne obit or anniversary to be kept in the said paryshe churche of St. Cuthbert by the persone or curate their for the tyme being, that is to say, that the said persone or curate shall say or sing one *dirige* overnight and a masse of *requiem* in the mornyng ; and that the Lord Maiour of the same Citie of York for the time being and vj of the auncientest Aldermen of the same shall be present at the said masse of *requiem* to be said at the said obite or anniversary and that the clerke of the said churche for the tyme being before the beginnyng of the service at the said obite shall stand at the queere dore of the said churche and shall say—Good people of your charities ye shall pray for the good estate of Sir Martine Bowes, Knight, some tyme Maiour of London if he be living and if he be deade than for the sowle of Sir Martine Bowes, Knight, sometyme Maiour of London and for the sowle of William Bowes some time Maiour of York theire father sowles and mother sowles and all Christian sowles say a *pater noster*. And the said Maiour etc. shall yerely pay to the parsone or curate of the said churche for the tyme being as well for his peines tayking in seing the dystribucon of the breade aforesaid as also for sayeng the *dirige* and masse of *requiem* at the sayd obite or anniversary foure shillings, parcell of the said thre poundes. And that there shalbe paid to the Lord Maiour of the said Citie of Yorke for the tyme being, being present at the said masse of *requiem* and offering one penny at the said masse iij^{s} iiij^{d} ; and to vj of the auncientest [Aldermen] of the said Citie of Yorke that shall assist the said Lord Maiour at the said masse of *requiem* to every one of theim offering one penny at the said masse xij^{d} *summa* vj^{s} ; and to the swordberer of the said Citie of Yorke for the tyme being for his attendans geving upon the said Lord Maiour at the said masse of *requiem* offering one penny viij^{d} ; and to the mace berer of the said Citie for his attendance on the said Lord Maiour being present at the said masse and

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offering one penny viij^{d} (*fo.* 115). And that they the said Maiour etc. shall yerely pay or cause to be paid unto the churchewardens of the said paryshe churche of Saint Cuthbert for the tyme being for their peines to be taken in dystrybuting of the breade aforesaid and offering eyther of theme one penny at the said masse equally betwene them ii^{s} iiij^{d}, that is to say, to eyther of them xx^{d}, and also shall pay or cause to be paid yerely to the clerke of the said paryshe church for ringing of belles at the said obite and for hys service and attendance at the said obite xij^{d}; and that they the said Maiour etc. shall yerely provide ageinst the said obit ij tapars of waxe of the price of viij^{d} to burne apon the altar at the tyme of the said obite; and that the said Maiour, etc. shall yerely pay to xij poore folke of the sayd paryshe being present at the said obite and masse xij^{d}, that is to say, to every one of them one penny and shall yerely cause to be payed to the churchwardens of the said paryshe churche towards the reparracons and maintenaunce of the said paryshe churche and of the ornaments of the same iij^{s} iiij^{d}.

(*fo.* 115b). And further the said Maiour to covenaunte etc. that at every grace to be said at the Mayours table of the said Citie of Yorke after dynner and supper that the persone that shall saye the sayd grace shall in thende of the said grace—saie—God preserve the good estate of Sir Martine Bowes, Knight and Alderman of London—as long as the said Sir Martine Bowes shall lyve; and after the deceasse of the saied Sir Martine Bowes the saied person that shall saie the said grace shall in thende of his said grace saie—God have mercy on the soule of Sir Martine Bowes, Knight and some tyme Mayour of the Citie of London and all christian sowles.

fo. 117. **Certificate of Musters.**

A gentle letter to the Mayor of Hull and his reply.

1 March 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1557-8). *Present*—Ralph Hall, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that accordyng to the late commission from my Lord Lieutenaunt a certificate shalbe made in effect as foloweth; that is to say, of twoo hundred hable men on fote of this Cite and Aynsty already furnesshed with harnes and weapons, wherof lx bowmen and cxl billmen.

Item where (as it is informed) money hath ben taken of Maister Hall, Shireff, and others of this Citie at Hull in name of passage or tolne of their grayne commyng by water; it is aggreed that first a gentle lettre shall be dyvised to the Mayor ther to knowe for what occason the same hath ben done requyeryng restitucon of the same and that from henceforth our citizens ar no more soo wrongfully vexed.[1]

Thanswer of the sayd lettre.

(*fo.* 117b). To the right honorable the Lord Mayour of the Citie of Yorke.

[1] The text of the letter follows.

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After right hartie commendacons, it may please your Lordship to be advertised that we have receyved your lettres dated the iiijth of moneth instant the contents wherof we have considered; and where you wright that one William Waghen by our commandement shold wrongfully exacte of Maister Hall, nowe Shirif of the Citie, and certayne other citizens sondry sommes of money for grayne passyng the ryvar of Hull whiche hertofore hath not ben accustomed to be payd and that we shuld attempt newe matters from tyme to tyme unjustly to vexe and trowble you; for declaration of the truth herein, although the same your lettres requyer no answere ye shall undrestand that the same officer requyreth non other dewtiez of thenhabitants of your sayd Citie but onely suche as tyme owte of mynde have ben accustomed to be payd and from tyme to tyme have ben payd aswell before the buildyng of the briggs as sythens; marveylyng that you will be agaynst that thinge whiche of right ought to be payd or soo lightly to impute in us any suche readenes to go about to break friendship or move suyte with you as you have signified by your sayd lettres; and fynally to conclude we hartely desyer your favorable frendship and we for our partes havyng the same shall use our selfs in semblalle maner towardes yow with the rest of the Citizens, as knoweth Jesu, whoo preserve you in healthe. Wrytten at Kyngeston apon Hull the viij day of March 1557.

Your lovyng frends,
Robert Dalton, Mayor
and his bretherne the Aldermen.

fo. 118. **Certificate of able men in York and Ainsty.**

To the right noble Erle of Westmoreland, Lord Lieutenant general in these Northe parties.

The certificate of us the Maiour and Aldermen of the Citie of Yorke, Sir William Fayrfax and Sir Oswald Wyllestrope, Knyghts, of the numbre of all hable men on foote within the sayd Citie and wapentake of the Aynsty, as well furnyshed as unfurnyshed, to serve the King and Queenes Majesties apon muster and viewe by us mayd the vijth of February by virtue of commyssyon of the sayd right honourable Lord Lieutenaunt to us dyrectyd for that purpose.

The number of all the sayd hable men within the Citie and Wapentake of the Aynstye afforesayd } v^{c}xx

wherof

Hable men all ready furnyshed with harnes } bowmen lx, bylmen cxl } cc

Hable bowmen and bylmen as yet unfurnyshed } cccxx

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Towards furnyture of whome we have by authoritie of the said commyssyon commanded and charged every man of habylitie to have harnes within the sayd Citie and Wapentake to provyde them with all possible spede of armour and waponse according to the statuts and lawes of this realme, to be further by us certefyed apon viewe and muster to be mayd frome xiiij days to xiiij unto they be furnyshed accordyngly.

fo. 118b. **Scarcity and high price of food.**

Rules for Mayoral Feasts.

9 March 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1557-8). *Present*—Ralph Hall, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 8 of the xxiv.

This presens callyng to their remembrance thexceedyng dearth of all maner of vitaylls and other necessaries of howskepyng whiche in theis our dayes doo cost duble and treble the money that in tymes past they were wont to do, and herewith considering alsoo the many and sumptuouse festyngs, dynars and banketts whiche the Mayour of this Citie for the tyme beyng must of custome make to the riche with great excesse and superfluytie not onely to the importinat costs and chardgs of the saied Mayour but alsoo to the displeasor of Allmyghtie God ; for reformation wherof and to follow the godly examples as well of the Lord Mayour of London as of other noble men of this realme, it is nowe condiscended, ordeyned and aggreed, with the wholle consent of all the sayd presens that part of the said fests etc. shalbe from hensforth clerly dischardged and leaft of. And bycause metyng of neighburghes at the sayd fests and dynars and there makyng mery togiders was a good occasion of contyneweyng and renewyng of amytie and neighburghly love one with another therfor other part of the said fests and dynars shuld still remayne but the costly fare therof to be moderated and abatyd in maner and forme folowyng—that is to say.

First the fests, dynars and bankets made by the sayd Mayor to his bretherne thaldermen and others of the prevay counsell of the Citie etc. in the tyme of Lent, on Saynt Georgs day after procession, on mydsommer even, the day of election of the Maister of Saynt Thomas hospitall and the day of thaccompts takyng of the same, and alsoo apon Saynt Blasy day to be clerly dischardged and leaft of.

Item lyke dynars and bankits made to the ladyes on Palme sonday, Wytsonday, Corpus Christi day, Saynt Stephens day and Mydsommer even to be also dischardged.

Item the day of the election of the Mayour he to gyve at his comyng home, onely mayne bread, beer or ale and wyne. And lykewise on Palme sonday the ladyes to wayte apon the Lady

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Mayoresse in procession to the Mynster and home, and there to take a cuppe of wyne and soo depart.

Item at the election of the maister of Saynt Thomas hospital and of thaccompts takyng of the same a pece of beif to be there provided for theym that take peynes and be present of the hospitall cost soo that the expensez therof doo not excede x^{s} at a tyme.

Item that the players and suche as takes peyns in procession etc. on Saynt George day to be payd for their labour of the Chambre costs.

Item that the iiij Justicez fests; venison in somer; the fysshing day, and dynar as well to the ladies as to the men on St. Williams daye; to contynewe unto further ordre be therin taken.[1]

fo. 119. **Settlement between Free Bakers and Boll Bakers.**

Memorandum that for avoydyng of certayne varyans, unquietnes and mysordre betwene the free bakers and certayne persones called tiplars or boll bakers within this Citie contynually had and moved; therfore at the humble supplication of the sayd free bakers in a ordinance aggreed and considered as well by the right worshipfull Maister Robert Hall, late Mayour, as alsoo by the honorable Lord Mayor that nowe is Ralph Hall, with advise of William Tankard, esquier, Recorder, and other the worshipfull of the said Citie with the wholle and free assent and consent of all the good men, freeholders of the same Citie in maner and forme folowing, that is to saye.

First that the saied free bakers of this Citie shall frome the feast of Saynt Blase next have, occupie and enjoye emongs theym selfs onely the crafte or mysterie of baking of bread to retaill and sell within this Citie and suburbs of the same and that no maner bolle bakers or other persone frome thensforth shall take apon theym to bake within the saied Citie or suburbs of the same saff onely for their owne household use apon payne of forfayting for every tyme so offending iij^{s} iiij^{d}.

Item that every of the saied free bakers accordyng to their owne aggreament shall at all tymes hereafter and frome tyme to tyme in every peny white loaf that they or any of theym shall so retaill or sell sex shillyngs weight above thassise and weight of bread lymyted and made by statute like as the saied typlars or bollebakers of this Citie were late bounde to doo, and also that all

[1] Here is an extract from the Chamberlain's Accounts for 1554 giving some of the items of expenditure for Corpus Christi.

In ale iij dossans and vj gallons at iij^{s} a dossan xiij^{s} vj^{d}. In xvj pecs of beyf vij^{s} viij^{d}. Item xiiij geese iiij^{s} vj^{d}. Item for xij cappons vij^{s} ix^{d}. Item iiij dossan chekens iij^{s} vj^{d}. Item for ij quarters of mutton ij^{s}. Item a lione of mutton and vj^{li} of sewett xxiij^{li}. For iij dossan rabbetts xij^{s}. Item for vj gallons claryd wyne iiij^{s}. For ij gallons and a quarte whyte wyne xviij^{d} etc., etc. Total v^{li} xiiij^{s} vij^{d}.

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and every the saied freebakers accordying to the same rate shall gyve like weight in every other kynd and sort of their breade above the saied assise apon peyne of forfayture for every defalt therin iij^{s} iiij^{d}.

Item that every maister freebaker shall frome nowforth have and kepe twoo apprentices in that occupation or one at the least by discreccon of my Lord Maiour for the tyme beyng.

Item that frome the saied St. Blasy day next none of the saied bakers of this Citie, their wifs ne servants nor any other person or persons for theym or by their procurement shall come in the corne market within this Citie before one of the clocke in thafternone frome Mychelmas to Candlemas and two of the clocke frome Candlemas to Mychelmas nor shall forstall or buye any corne commyng to the market in their howses or any streete but onely in the market place accustomed and at the tyme to theym lymyted apon peyne of forfayture iij^{s} iiij^{d}.

(*fo.* 119b). And for the suer and bettar observing and fulfillyng of all the saied ordynancs and aggreements in forme aforesaied and that the Citie shalbe at tymes fully and sufficiently served by the saied free bakers with good and healthsom bread of all sorts as ofte as nede requyers yt is likewise aggreed that certayne of the most substantiall and honest men of the saed crafte shalbe bounde frome tyme to tyme by their dede obligatory, sufficient in the lawe, to the said Maior and Commonaltie in the somme of xl^{s}.

Item that over and besydes the usuall serche of the serchers of the saied crafte the Chamberleyns of this Citie for the tyme beyng by appoyntment of my Lord Mayour shall every weeke ones at the least make diligent serche of the saied free bakers.

Item that all suche ordynauncs concernyng the saied free bakers and bolle bakers as was made in the tyme of the maieraltie of Maister William Dogeson shall ymmediately after the sealing and delyvery of the saied obligacon be clerely frustrate and voied and all other auncient, good and laudable ordynauncs of the saied free bakers not repugnant to theis saied ordynauncs shall remayne in full strength and virtue.

fo. 120. **No Corpus Christi Play this year.**

16 March 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1557-8).

The play of Corpus Christi for this yere apon good and reasonable consyderations is thought best and alsoo agreed to be spared and leaft of playing for this yere, the tyme instant beyng bothe trowblesome with warres and alsoo contagiouse with sykeness.

(*fo.* 121). Royal order to the Exchequer to remit a portion of the taxation of York owing to the great poverty of the City.

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fo. 122b. **Certificate of 200 able men of York and Ainsty.**

Representation to be made to the Earl of Westmoreland.

22 March 1557-8. *Present*—Ralph Hall, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs.

Aggreed that Maister Holme, Alderman, shall on Monday next ride unto the ryght honorable the Earle of Westmorland, Lord Lieutenaunt with the certificate of the twoo hundred hablemen on fote now in a readynes for the Citie and Aynsty according to the purport of his Lordships Commission.

Item that an other bill shall be made of the names of every the said soldiers and delyvered to the sayd Maister Holme to have in a readynes if nede shall requyer ; and that speciall notes be made of suche of theym as be changed.

Item that the sayd Maister Holme after his discrete maner declare to my sayd Lorde and his Consell that it was never seen hytherto that there went any more soldyars forth of this Citie and Aynsty than C men, albeit in tymes past the sayd Citie hath ben farr more populouse and wealthy than it is in this present by reason of the great ruyne and decay of the same most evydent.

Item to speake to Maister Strikland, my Lords secretary, and desyer hym that all such commissions and lettres as shall be addressed from my sayd Lord for any affayer or busynes within this Cite or Aynsty my Lord Mayour and his brethern Aldermen may be named commissioners whoo soo ever be the other.

Item to gyve the sayd Maister Strykland for a token from my Lord Mayor twoo royalls of gold for lawful favour and good worde for this Citie as occasion shall serve.

Item that the sayd Maister Holme shall have a lettre to delyver from my Lord Mayor and other the Commissioners to my Lord Lieutenaunt advertisyng hym of the receipt of his commission and of the dewe execucon therof accordyng to the tenour of the same ; and of the readynes of the soldyers accordyngly desyryng hym by the same to gyve further credens to the sayd bearer.

(*fo.* 123b). *Certificate of Musters for York and Ainsty.*

Hable men of the sayd Citie and wapontake of Thaynsty all ready tried owte and furnyshed	Two hundreth men on fote.
Hable bowmen reddy furnyshed every of them with bow and shayf of arros and stele capp, lead malle and dagger	xx iiij
Hable bylmen ready furnyshed with coots of playte and jakkes, steylyd capps, splents and cheynes, bylls, swoords and daggers	cxx

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fo. 124. **St. Anne's Chapel on Fossbridge. City Walls dilapidated.**

10 April 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1558). *Present*—Ralph Hall, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 2 of the xxiv.

The chapell of Fossebrig to be viewyd agayn by my Lord Mayor and his Bredren and so by advyse of workemen order to be taken for amendyng it streght afor the hollydays.

Also that the Chamberlyns shall reparell the Citie walls that is broken nigh Fysshergate postern and withowte Myklith barr.

Mem to speke with Maister Wynde for to by hym stone pyllors for mendyng of the west end of Owse brige and Vynce Lelome howse broken and sonken.

fo. 125. **Letter to the Recorder.**

19 April 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1558). *Present*—Ralph Hall, Mayor, 6 Aldermen.

Agreyd that Maister Holme, Alderman, shall have the costs and chardges paid by the Chamberleyns for ridyng to Newcastle with a letter and instruccons to my Lord Lieutenaunt to the some of xxij^{s} iij^{d} and also iij^{s} for horsehire to John Shipton his servaunte for the space of v dayes.

To the right worshipfull Maister William Tankerd, Recorder of this Citie of Yorke.

After our hartie commendacons this shalbe to desyer you to geve us your advyce and counsell concernyng this letter dyrectyd to the Sheryffs of the Citie of Yorke frome Sir Robert Constable, Knyght, for the attachyng of certen persons within the Aynsty, as by the tenour of the same letter whiche we have sent unto you as dothe appere, whiche we thinke we are not bound to do nor execute withowt a more specyall lettre frome my Lorde Lieutenaunts owen person and for that it shall be a breache to our liberties ; wherefore this shalbe to desyer you to wryte unto us your advyce and whatt answer shalbe geven therein. Thus God kepe you. Frome Yorke the xixth of April, 1558.

Your assuryd R.H. Mayor.
and his bredren Aldermen.

fo. 125b. **Plays this year.**

20 April 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1558). *Present*—Ralph Hall, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 2 of the xxiv.

[1]Agreyd that John Branthwate, Maister of S. Anthonys and his kepers shall furthwith provyde for the playing of one play callyd the *Pater noster* play this yere and the charges therof to be borne of the money to be gatheryd by the occupacons of this Citie of there pagyant money and that the furst bayn[2] or messynger shall ryde in dyvers streets within this Citie apon St. George day

[1] See *York Civic Records*, II, p. 119 and note.
[2] Ban ; proclamation.

next and the other messynger to ryde in like maner uppon Whitson Monday to thentent that the contry may have knowlege that the sead play shalbe playd appon Corpus Christi day next. Maister Holme, Alderman, haith promysed to speke with the said Maister of St. Anthonys for the same purpes.

And it is agreyd in consyderacon above sayd that this yere St. George play shall be left and not playd and the provision of thyngs already boght and mayd for the furnytour therof shall be payd of the Chambre costs and broght into the Chambre to be kepte agaynst a nother yere.

fo. 127. **Tuesday in Whitsun Week, 1558.**

Mem. that on tewisday in Wytson weeke it was aggreed by my Lord Mayor, Aldermen and xxiiij assembled in the Counsell Chambre apon Ouse brig, betwene the procession tyme, that this yere *Pater Noster* play beyng playd on Corpus Christi day, dynar with brekfast and supper shalbe provyded by the Chamberlaynes for my sayd Lord Mayor, Aldermen and xxiiij as hath ben accustomed on Corpus Christi day in the Chambre at the Common Hall yates.

fo. 127b. **The right to dig on Heworth Moor.**

10 June 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1558).

Was oponly declared by Edward Beisley, sollicitor of this Citie, matters above at London that in the sewte of Sir Tho. Danby, Knt., ageynst Tho. Goodyere, etc., and that for the ryght of dyggyng earth in Heworth Moore, a wrytte of *venire facias* for an inquest was directed to Maister Sheref of the Shire to returne up an impanell ageynst the next terme. Wherfore it is thought good that some discrete and mete Citizen sholde ryde to Maister Shiref of the Shire by discreccon of my Lord Mayor with the names of certayne gentlemen nowe appoynted forth by this presens as indifferent to be put on the sayd impanell; and in name of my Lord Mayor and his Bretherne to requyer hym of his lawfull favour in retornyng of the same accordyngly; as foloweth

(20 names are given).

fo. 128. **Letter to the Recorder.**

After our very harty recomendacons; theis shalbe to advertise yowe that as towching the matter in traverse in the common lawe at the sewt of Sir Thomas Danby, Knight, ageinst Thomas Goodyere and other certain citizens of York for digging earth in Heworth Moore; Sir, as we are credably enfourmed a inquest is already impanelled by vertewe of a *venire facias* directed to the Shiref of Yorkshire returnable this terme; and for so muche as we do knowe that the said Maister Danby is so highly frended and of so

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greate affinitie throughe the wholle countie we are therefore never hable to gett any indifferent inquest or right triall ageinst hym at the common lawe, we shall therefor all most hartily desyer you by your good pollicye and wysdome to gett forth an injunction out of the Chancery for serving of the said sewte so that we may have triall therof before the Lord Chancelor where we doubte not to have indifferent justice and equitie ; and what so ever yow shall disburse aboute thoptenyng therof we shall honestly recompense you over and besides your fees and your owne counsell and paynes in the same for your full contentacon with harty thankes ; eftsones desyering you of your present helpe herin. xijth of June 1558.

fo. 128b. **Fishing Day.**

20 June 4 and 5 Philip and Mary (1558). *Present*—Ralph Hall, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the fysshyng day accustomed on the water of Ouse by my Lord Mayor and his Brethren and Consell shalbe on Moneday next commyng, and the dynar to be kept in convenyent place to be appoynted by discrecon of my Lord Mayor.

fo. 129. **New City Tent to be made. Garments for Paternoster Play.**

8 July 4 and 6 Philip and Mary (1558).

William Hewet, taylor, did understand and aggree sufficiently and workmanly to make the newe tent of this Citie for an C men for vj^{li} and to fynde all thread belongyng to the same, and if my Lord Mayor and his Bretherne doo perceyve that he deserve more than he to have ij bolts of thread gyven hym of the Citie costs.

And here alsoo it was aggreed that Ametson, paynter, shold have for payntyng of certayne clothes for Patre Noster play liij^{s} iiij^{d} of the money gathered of pagyant sylver.

fo. 129b. **Plea that 100 footmen only should be asked for from York and Ainsty.**

15 July 1558.

A lettre sent by my Lord Mayor and his Bretherne to Maister Strikland.

In our very hartie maner we recommend us unto you ; gyvyng you most hartie thanks for your special favour and good will shewed to this poore Citie ; further advertisyng you that where alate we had commandment from our syngular good lord the Earle of Westmerland, Lord Lieutenaunt to muster and have in areadynesse ageynst sudeyn invasons the numbre of CC fotmen forth of this Citie and Aynstie. Sir the veray truthe is that this Citie whan it was a greate better inhabited and farre more wealthie than it is nowe, was never chardged with greater numbre of soldiers than one hundred footmen at the most as by the old president frome

tyme to tyme confirmed by poynt of chartre it may appeare. Wherfore good Maister Strikeland lyke (as we perceyve) you have allready ben, even soo we most hartely desyer you to contynewe our friendly mediator unto our sayd very good Lord that whan soo ever any commisson or commandement shalbe . . . by his lordship for settyng forth of men by your discrete wisdome soo to helpe us with your good word that we be not overchardged above our habilities and usage with more numbre than one C fotemen at the most, and in this doyng ye shall bynde us to doo for you ageyne suche pleasure as shall at any tyme lygh in our power with furthar recompense to your contentement, God willyng, whoo defend and kepe you all accordyng to your gentle herts desyre.

From York on Saynt James even 1558.
Your assured frends
Rauf Hall, Mayor, and his bretherne
Aldermen of York.

fo. 130. **Letter from the Earl of Westmoreland.**

10 August 1558. *Present*—Ralph Hall, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

To my very good Lord the Mayor of the Cite of York and to my lovyng frends the Aldermen of the same Cite.

Hast. Hast. Post hast with all diligent hast.
Post of Boroughbrig I charge you with the delyverie hereof accordyng to the direction.

After my hartie commendacons to your good L.; for as moche as the tyme of the yere approcheth wherin the service of such men as your L. and the rest on commisson with yowe within the Citie and Aynstie of Yorke by myne appoyntement ar specially to be used and that I doubt not bot the same be in such a readynes as whan soever they be convenient they may sett forthwards towards the place of service, yet have I thought good to putt you in remembrans that the sayd men be furnisshed accordyng to my expectancy and alsoo hereby doo authorise your lordship by thadvice of your Aldermen and Conseil of that Citie to nomynat and appoynt suche a mete and worthy capteyn to be leader and conduccor of the sayd fotemen in the King and Queenes majesties service ageynst Skotland as may declare your willyng hart to further those affayrs; takyng suche ordre as the same capteyn with the sayd footemen and furnyture accordyngly may sett forwards apon a newe warnyng; and thus I bid you hartily fare welle.

Frome Brancepith the viijth of August 1558.
Your L. lovyng frend,
H. Westmerland.

(*fo.* 130b). After whiche lettre redde and well heeded for soo moche as of suche soldyers of the Citie and Aynsty as were

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latly appoynted and furnysshed for the Kyng and Queenes service part of theym bee departed and many of theym at this present very syke as it is credably reported, it is therfor thought requysite and aggreed that a newe muster and view shalbe with all goodly spede had for the more suer preparation of the said numbre lymyted for the sayd Citie and Aynstie by formar commisson, that is to say, for the Citie to morowe by eight of the clock in the mornyng on Heworth Moore ; and for the Aynstye on Monday next beyng our Lady day by ix of the cloke in the forenoon on Toft greene ; and that every hable persone frome xvj to lx yere of age all ready furnysshed doo personally appere at the sayd musters bryngyng with theym the best armor and weapons they have to thentent that most hable and fyttest may be taken ; apon peyne of x^li^ forfeyt to every of theym makyng defalt.

And nowe alsoo Henry Thwayts, esquier at the mace, is appoynted to be capten and conductor of all the soldyars that shall chanse to be sett forthwards as is aforsayd, and he to have of the Chambre towards his late chardges and for his furnytur at this present x^li^ ; whoo comyng personally before the sayd presens was well content but that he demanded a newe coat of velvet.

Item it is further aggreed that the Chamberlaynes shall with dyligent hast provyde sufficient and hable horse for the cart to be in a redynesse ageynst the sayd settyng forth with all other thyngs apparteynyng accordyngly.

fo. 132b. **Election of New Alderman.**

St. Bartholomews day, 24 August 5 and 6 Philip and Mary (1558). *Present*—Ralph Hall, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 2 of the xxiv.

Assemblyd in the Common Hall of the Citie with the Comon Counsell and theldest serchers of the xiij and xv crafts for the eleccon of one Alderman in the rome and place of Maister John North, late Alderman, dysseasyd, accordyng to the chartre of eleccon and therupon the sayd presens with the said Comon Counsale and theldest serchars by there mooste voyces dyd electe and chose James Haryngton, marchant, to be Alderman in the rome and place of Maister John North.

fo. 133b. **The New Alderman refuses to take the Oath and is sent to Prison.**

19 September 5 and 6 Philip and Mary (1558).

And now Maister Jamys Harryngton, marchant, Alderman dewly electyd, at commandement of my Lord Mayour came personally before this presens and albeit he was gently exhorted and requyred as well by my sayd Lord Mayor as other his bredrene Aldermen to take his othe of Alderman accustomed yet neyther by fayre meanes ne otherwise wold he take his othe but very

obstinatly refused soo to doo. And for soomoche he thus contynewed still in his sayd wilfulnes and wold no wyse be persuaded it was therfor aggreed with the wholl consent of all the sayd worshipfull presens that the same Maister Haryngton for his said obstynacy and dysobedyens to the perillouse example of others shalbe commytted forthwith to ward unto suche tyme he will be justified accordyng to his franchesed oathe. But the said discrete presens perceyving that the sayd Maister Haryngton by long sykenesse was weake and feble they considered that the Mayours Kidcot where unto franchesed men are used to be komytted for their offens, was to rawe and cold an howse for hym ; therfor for the bettar preservacon of his health they were nowe content that he shold be commytted to the Shirefs of this Citie to be by theym kept in warde in John Ledales hows or some other honest hows on the brigge and there to be taken hede to and kept as prisoner with owte great duresse by some of their Officers.

fo. 134b. **St. Mathew's Day, 21 September, 1558.**

And for soo moche as Maister Haryngton personally apperyng as yet by no exhortacon wold be ordered, but consideryng his malease at his speciall request and desyer all theis presens were contented he shold have respecte unto Mychelmas even before none to gyve his directe answer.

fo. 135. **New Sheriffs chosen.**

St. Mathew Day 1558. *Present*—Ralph Hall, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Counsell Chambre of the Common [Hall] of this Citie for the eleccon of two Sheryffs of this Citie according to the Kyngs chartre of eleccon, wherupon those presens by thier moaste voyces uppon iiij ellyts putt and chosen by there Common Counsell and head serchars of xiij and xv crafts of this Citie haith elect and chosen George Hall, Marchant, and Rychard Danyell, tapiter, to be Sheryffs of this Citie from Mighelmas next for one hole yere next ensewyng, whiche said George Hall was beyond the see at this present and the said Rychard Danyell was seyke.

fo. 135b. **One of the new Sheriffs takes the Oath at Home.**

The new Alderman is still obstinate.

28 September 1558. *Present*—Ralph Hall, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff.

It was considered for that Rychard Danyell, tapiter, elect Shiref of this Citie, is at this present very weak by long sykenesse and not hable to come hither to take his oath off Shiref accustomed ; therfore Maister Beane, Maister Cowpland, Maister Bekwyth and Maister Goldthorp, Aldermen, with the Common Clerke were nowe

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assigned to repayer to his lodging than and there to receyve his sayd oath of Shiref and to take twoo surties for dischardgyng this Citie of the moitie of the fee farme of this Citie, whoo went accordyngly and did not onely take of the sayd Maister Danyell his sayd oath but alsoo surties, that is to say, Maister William Cowpland and Maister Richard Goldthorp, Aldermen.

Mem. that Maister Jamys Haryngton did here personally appere but wold in no wise take upon hym the sayd rowme of Alderman.

fo. 136b. **Illness of the M.P.'s. The new Alderman still refuses.**

14 October 5 and 6 Philip and Mary (1558).

It was thought convenyent that a certificate shalbe made to Maister Speaker of thextreme sykenesses of the Citizens burgessez of the Parliament for this Citie, desyeryng hym that they may be excused, and if any matter shall chanse to be putt in ageynst this Citie that he wilbe soo good to staye it.

Item that a lettre shalbe alsoo sent up to Maister Recorder to learne from tyme to tyme of Maister Speaker if ought be put in ageynst this Citie that he may forsee therfor as occason serveth; and alsoo to declare the playne truth to Maister Wray concernyng his broder in lawe Maister Haryngton's wilfullnes.

And nowe alsoo the sayd Maister Harryngton came personally befor the sayd presens and beyng gently desyrd and warnyd as well by my Lord Mayor, as all otherz to take his oathe of Alderman did obstinatly refuse that to doo ; and therfor was by the full consent of all this hous commytted ageyne to warde, from whens he came, apon Ouse brige.

And now the maner of the certificat to be made up concernyng the commission of common armour within this Citie, and inquyre of mysdemeanour of Frenchmen, denizens, was now redde ; and was thought mete that common armour of this Citie for xxx men shalbe certified, wherof half for billmen and half for bowmen.

fo. 137. **Good behaviour of Frenchmen in York.**

To the most reverende Father in God and our singular good Lorde the Archebishop of Yorke, Lorde Chancellor of England. May it please your good grace to be advertised that we, Raulf Hall, Mayor of the Citie of York, Robert Hall, Robert Pacoke, Thomas Eymis and Richard Goldthorp, esquiers, by vertuwe of the King and Quenes majesties commission under their gracs greate seale to us emongs others directed, have the xvjth day of September in this fift and sext yeres of there highnesses most noble reignes mad deligent inquire as well by thothes of xij good and lawful men of this Citie of York as by such other ways and meanes as was thought mete of the misdemeanour of all those Frenchemen, denizens, which are now inhabiting within the said Citie whose names are

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these—Stephen Darrange, smith, Robert Jordan, combemaker, and Bartholomew Darrange, smith, whose severall letters patents, wherby the same iij Frenche men were made denizens bear severally date the xiiijth day of Aprile in the xxxijth yere of King Henry the eight; and Edmunde Jordan, surgeon, whois letters patents wherby he was made denizen bore date the xxth of Novembre in the xxxijth yere of our said lait King Henry, being the whole number of Frenche men, denizens, as well by our owne deligent inquirie as by the verdite of the said xij men, are of honest behayvour, of good name and fame and behaving theime selfs as obedient and feithfull liegemen to the King and Quenes majesties and other the quenes noble progenitours.

From Yorke the xxth of Septembre in the fift and sext yeres abovesaid.

fo. 137b. **Armour in York.**

To the right honorable and our singuler good Lordes and others of the King and Quenes majesties Privay Counsell.

May it please your honours in our right humble wise to be advertised that we Rauf Hall, Mayour of the Citie of York, Robert Hall, Robert Pacok, Thomas Eymis and Richard Goldthorp, esquiers, by vertewe of the King and Quenes majestie commission under the greate seale to us emongs others directed, have the xvjth day of September (1558) limited and apointed within the said Citie of York and suburbes of the same, over and besides the wapentak of the Aynstie being in the Countie, suche furniture and proporcon of harnes and weapon to be kept and maintened at the common chargs and expencs of the inhabitants of the said Citie other than suche as be specially chardged by thact in that behalf made the last Parliament as hereafter foloweth, that is to say; coates of plate, all maner rivetts and jakkes xxx; steele cappes and saletts xxx; bowes xv; shefs of arowes xv; leade melles xv; blacke billes xv; swordes xv; daggers xxx. The nombre and kindes of which armour and weapon do remaine in the severall paroches within the said Citie where they be so specially apointed as by wrighting indented made betwene us the said commissionars of thone partie and xij of the chefest of the same Citie in the said indenture named of thother partie more plainly doth appere, wherof thone part doth remaine with me the said Mayore of York for the tyme beyng and thother partie with the Clerke of the peax of the Countie of the Citie of York, according to the purport and effect of the said acte which we have thought mete according to our dewties humbly to advertise your good Lordships, to thintent the King and Quenes majesties may have knowledge of our proceding in the same; as knoweth Almightie God, who long preserve your Lordships in honour and helth. From York the xxth of September in the vth and vjth yeres abovesaid.

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Letter to the Speaker about York M.P.'s.

To the right worshipful Sir William Cordell, Knyght, Speaker of the Kyng and Quenes majesties most high court of Parliament.

Right worshipfull may it please your good maistership to be advertised that by the visitacon of Almightie God our loving bretherne Aldermen, William Holme and Robert Pacok, Citizens of this present Parliament chosen for the Citie of York, have bene of a long space and yet are sore handled with the newe agewe[1] (beyng in thes parties very hote) and through continuance therof are brought so lowe and feble and so nigh the pitts brink that we (*fo.* 138) are in maner past hope of their recovery ; wherfor we most hartilie beseche yowe to be so good maister unto us to have them excused of ther absens from the said most high Court of Parliament. Also, perceivyng the good will and zeale your Maistership at your late being here at York did schewe to beare towardes the same pore Citie doeth emboldeneth us to be further sewters to your good maistership hartely desyring the same if any matter chanse to be put in at this said Parliament against this said Citie that of your goodnes ye will vouchesaf to be a meane to stay it. And thus doing we shalbe redy at comandement to do for your good maistership and yours suche pleasure which liethe in our power, God willing, who preserve your good maistership in muche worship long to prosper. Frome Yorke xvjth of October 1558.

Your maisterships to our powers.

Raulf Hall, Maiour of the Citie of York and his bretherne Aldermen of the same.

fo. 138b. **The New Alderman at last takes the Oath.**

28 October (1558).

Maister Bean, Maister Watson and Maister Goldthrop, Aldermen, shall go to Maister Harryngton to his howse to take his othe of Aldermanship for so muche as he is seke and may not come withowte perill and hurtfull to his boddy (who went accordyngly and before them he tuyke his othe of Aldermanship accustomed).

fo. 139b. **A Welcome to the Earl of Westmoreland.**

17 November 1558. *Present*—Ralp Hall, Mayor, 6 Aldermen.

It was nowe lett this presens to understand that the right honorable the Earle of Westmerland, Lord lieutenaunt generall, latly come forth of the North, will ligh here this night. Wherapon it was nowe thought good that his Lordship shall be presented on his comyng over night with mayn bread and ypocras by discrecon of my Lord Mayour ; and that in the mornyng my sayd Lord Mayour takyng to hym iij or iiij of his Bredren, whom he thynke

[1] This seems to have been a fresh outbreak of the sweating sickness referred to earlier in this volume.

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metest, shall resort to his Lordship unto his inne to wellcome his L. to this Citie and gyvyng hym harty thanks in nam of all the Corporacon of the same for his goodnes shewed to this poore Citie, humbly desyering his Lordship to contynewe good lord and frend to the same.

fo. 140b. **New Sheriff chosen.**

24 November 1558. *Present*—Ralph Hall, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Common Hall of this Citie togiders with the Common Consell and serchars of the xiij and xv occupations for election of one of the Sherefs of this Citie in the rowme of Richard Danyel, late Shiref decessed, whan and where apon dewe election of twoo elects put in by the said Common Consell and serchars, William Brokden, draper, was nowe chosen Shiref, who beyng sent for came before the sayd presens and tuyke his othe therof accordyngly.

fo. 140b. **Death of Queen Mary.**

To our trustie and welbeloved the Mayor of our Citie of York.

By the Quene.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete you well, and gyve you tunderstand that Almightie God haith called to his marcy oute of this naturall lyfe our lait derest suster, your lait sovereyne Lady, uppon the xvij of this moneth of Novembre, whereby as therof ye be not ignoraunte the corone of this realme as by naturall blode and lawfull succession discendyd unto us as the onely right heire therof, and therefore our pleasour is that ye shall with all expedicon at suche convenient places within the jurisdiccon of your office as in like case haith beyn here[to]fore accustomed puplishe our proclamacon herewith sent unto you and that ye remayn in lyke faithfulnes towards us in that your office as therunto apperteneth doyng therein that shall seme neydfull for the preservacon of our peace and our lawes untill ye shall receive odder order; and thes our lettres shalbe your suffycient dyschardge in that behalf. Yeven under oure signet [at] our Citie of York the xxiiij of Novembre the first yere of our reigne.

And by her Counsell.

fo. 141. **Proclamation by the new Queen.**

ELIZABETH by the grac of God, Quene of England, Fraunce and Ireland, defendour of the faith, etc. Bycause it haith pleasyd Almightie God by callyng to his mercy owte of this mortall lyfe to our great greyf oure derest suster of noble memory Mary, lait Quene of England, Fraunce and Ireland, whose soule God have, to dyspose and bestowe uppon us as the onely right heire by blode

and lawfull successyon the crowne of the foresaid Kyngdomes of England, Fraunce and Ireland with all maner tytles and rights therunto in any wyse appertenyng we do publyshe and give knowlege by this our proclamacon to all maner peple beyng naturall subjects of every the said kyngdomes that frome the begynnyng of the xvijth day of this moneth of Novembre at whiche tyme our said derest suster departyd frome this mortall lyfe, they be dyscharged of all bonds and dewties of subjection towards our said suster and be frome the same tyme in nature of lawe bounde onely to us as to there onely sovereign Lady and Quene ; wherewith we do by this our proclamation streightly charge and ally them to hus, promysshing on our parte no lesse love and care towards there preservacon then hayth beyn in any of our progenytoures, and not dubtyng on there parte but they will observe the dewty, whiche belongeth to naturall good and trewe loving subjects.

And further we streightlie chardge and comaund all maner our said subjects of every degre to kepe them selfs in our peax and not to attempte uppon any pretens the breache, alteraccon or chaunge of any order or usaige presently establyshed within this our realme uppon payne of oure indignacon and the perilles and punnyshement whiche thereto in any wyse may belong.

GOD SAVE THE QUENE.

(*fo.* 141b). Mem. that on thursday beyng the xxiiijth day of Novembre 1558 betwene twelve and one of the cloke in thafternone my Lord Mayor had word from Maister Doctor Rokeby, than vice president, by Skaife myssenger for hym and his bretherne Aldermen in all hast to mete at the Mynstre than and there to knowe further of certayne weighty matters concernyng the Quenes majestie. Wherapon my said Lord Mayor in all possible diligens sent for all the said bretherne Aldermen, and soo went forthwith unto the sayd Mynster whan and where the sayd Maister Vice-president shewyng unto theym of the decesse of the late Queenes majestie immediatly delyvered unto my sayd Lorde the Quenes majesties lettres aforesayd togiders with ij proclamacons, after whiche redde, they went all togiders streight way unto the Pavement and there caused the said proclamaccon openly to be redde in thaudiens of a great numbre of people there ready assembled and from thens went forthwith unto Thursday market and there alsoo made an other proclamaccon.

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